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Second Slam for Barbora

Barbora Krejcikova delighted the Wimbledon crowd with an emphatic win on Saturday. A glance at her feat and Sunday's big finals...

MESSI SEEKING FINAL GLORY

Having won the Copa America and World Cup titles for Argentina in the last few years, Lionel Messi has a chance to win another Copa against Colombia, possibly his last major trophy for the country.

CAN ENGLAND END TROPHY DROUGHT?

For 58 years, England men have faced nothing but heartbreaks at the global stage. WC to WC, Euro to Euro, the story has continued. They came close in the 2021 Euros, and on Sunday, the Three Lions will be up against a formidable Spain side. Can they? Could be a tasty contest.

KREJCIKOVA HANDS PAOLINI HEARTBREAK

Barbora Krejcikova of the Czech Republic defeated Italy's Jasmine Paolini to win the Wimbledon women's title for her second Grand Slam singles triumph. Krejcikova, the 31st seed, won 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 to add the 2024 All England Club crown to her 2021 French Open victory.

DJOKOVIC ON BRINK

Sunday could be huge for Novak Djokovic. The Serb has the chance to take his Major title count to 25, which will be an all-time high (men & women).

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Nagendra in ED custody till July 18

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Former minister and Bellary Congress MLA B Nagendra, who was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the alleged multi-crore scam in Karnataka State Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation on Friday night, was remanded in ED custody till July 18 on Saturday.

Nagendra, who was arrested under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, was subjected to mandatory medical tests at Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital.

He was produced before Santhosh Gajanan Bhat, judge of the special court, at his residence around 6 am. **CONTINUED ON: P5**

CM flayed for 'discarding' farmers' pleas into dustbin

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BJP leader CS Niranjan Kumar has accused Chief Minister Siddaramaiah of showing "disrespect" to farmers by "discarding" their petitions given to him at a function in Chamarajanagar on July 10.

A large number of farmers staged a protest on Saturday against the alleged action of Siddaramaiah and "dumping" their petitions near the function venue.

He told reporters that farmers from across the district met Siddaramaiah during his visit to Chamarajanagar and gave petitions on their grievances and demands. However, the petitions were later found "discarded" near the venue.

The protesting farmers took Chamarajanagar District in-charge Minister K Venkatesh to task for allegedly insulting them by "discarding" their petitions.

CET to be comp-based testing soon?

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IN view of the NEET-UG controversy, the Karnataka government is considering scrapping the pen and paper method in use for the Common Entrance Test (CET) and adopting the Computer-Based Testing (CBT) method.

Disclosing this at the Karnataka Examination Authority office here on Saturday, Higher Education Minister MC Sudhakar said many states have already adopted the CBT method. "Preliminary discussions on adopting the CBT method are on," he said. **P2**

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Trinamool Congress supporters celebrate after party candidate Madhuparna Thakur won the Bagda assembly by-election, in North 24 Parganas on Saturday | PTI

OPPN PICKS UP 10 OF 13 BYPOLL SEATS

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

IN a major boost to the Opposition in the first bypolls after the general elections, the INDIA bloc gained an upper hand over the NDA by winning 10 out of 13 assembly seats that were up for grabs across seven states. While the BJP managed to secure one seat each in Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, an Independent candidate wrested Bihar's Rupauli seat.

The bypoll results were keenly watched as they are expected to set the tone for the upcoming elections to four states — J&K, Maharashtra, Haryana and Jharkhand — scheduled for later this year. Coming on the heels of the Lok Sabha elections, the results are a setback to the BJP, which failed to secure a majority of its own to form the government at the Centre.

While the Congress and the Trinamool Congress secured four seats each, the AAP and the DMK picked up one each.

The bypolls were held on Wednesday in four seats in West Bengal, three in Himachal Pradesh, two in Uttarakhand, and one each in Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Tamil Nadu.

In a direct contest with the BJP in West Bengal, the TMC swept all four seats. The contest was crucial for both the parties as three of the seats fell vacant after BJP MLAs jumped ship to TMC. The fourth seat became vacant after the death of the sitting TMC MLA.

Stakes were high in Himachal Pradesh for both the Congress and the BJP in the election to the three seats — Dehra, Hamirpur and Nalagarh. While the Congress won both Dehra and Nalagarh, the BJP pocketed Hamirpur. The election was necessitated after three Independent MLAs joined the BJP. In Dehra, Congress's Kamlesh Thakur, wife of Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu won against the BJP's Hoshiyar Singh, who had switched sides earlier.

Dealing a blow to the BJP in Uttarakhand, the Congress won both Badrinath and Manglaur. In Tamil Nadu, DMK nominee Anniyur Siva emerged victorious in Vikravandi, defeating — PMK's candidate Anbumani C.

2 hrs away from Paris, German city apes Oly host; attracts India's finest

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

PARIS: 48.86°N latitude; Saarbrucken: 49.23° N. They are in the same time zone, too. Paris is just about 1hr 48 minutes away from Saarbrucken on high speed train. Proximity to Paris, similar weather conditions and its setting has turned the cultural German city into an ideal destination for Paris-bound athletes to train ahead of the Olympics starting from July 26.

The sprawling Sportcampus, Saar, is hosting around 400 athletes

The sprawling Sportcampus Saar, (as it is called) is spread over nine hectares with landscaping and greenery. More than the salubrious settings, it's the training facilities that have attracted athletes from all over the world. There are about 400 athletes from 27 countries and five continents housed at the Saar campus right now. Among them are a bunch of Indians — double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu, Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra (was training until July 7), the table tennis and the boxing teams (both men and women) along with coaches and support staff.

The chief operating and marketing officer (COO and CMO) of Sportcampus, Saar, Johannes Kopkow, during a virtual interaction with this daily, outlined the nuances of his facilities and what they have managed to provide for Indians. Kopkow felt the unique positioning of the city has added to its demand. "It's just 1hr 48 min away from Paris. It's the same time and climate zones. Though it's quite rainy right now, which is pretty much uncommon this time, it's still the same weather like Paris. It's the Central European Time or the Middle (Central) European Climate Zone. This makes it easier for athletes coming from a long distance to acclimatise," said Kopkow. Neeraj has been one of the first few high-profile visitors when he trained there in 2022. "He always needs more than one room because he has a German coach, a physio and also a manager. He has his own apartment in our house of the athletes, so that he can always step in and out as he would want."

He also narrated a funny incident involving Sindhu. "She has a tent (tent-like structure) in her room where she sleeps. That tent has low air pressure (hypoxic chamber). One day we found the bed outside her room and asked what happened and she told us the story. It was funny. She brought the chamber and the bed was outside and we're thinking what happened!" And for the boxers, the centre has provided a separate kitchen where they can cook Indian food and also a separate area to eat. **P13**

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Mysuru: With heavy rain lashing Wayanad region of Kerala resulting in the Kabini reservoir brimming, Karnataka has released 20,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu. Irrigation officials have recorded an inflow of 19,181 cusecs and the water level in the reservoir now is 2,283.30 ft | P4

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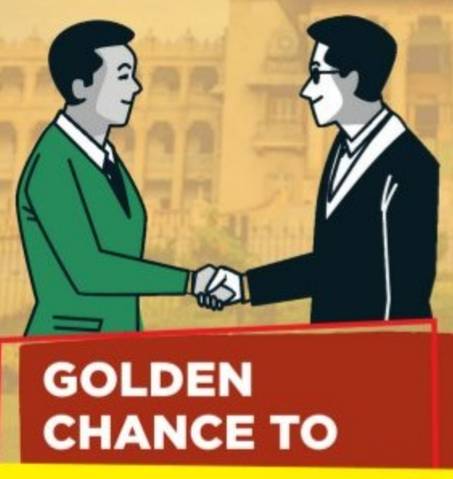

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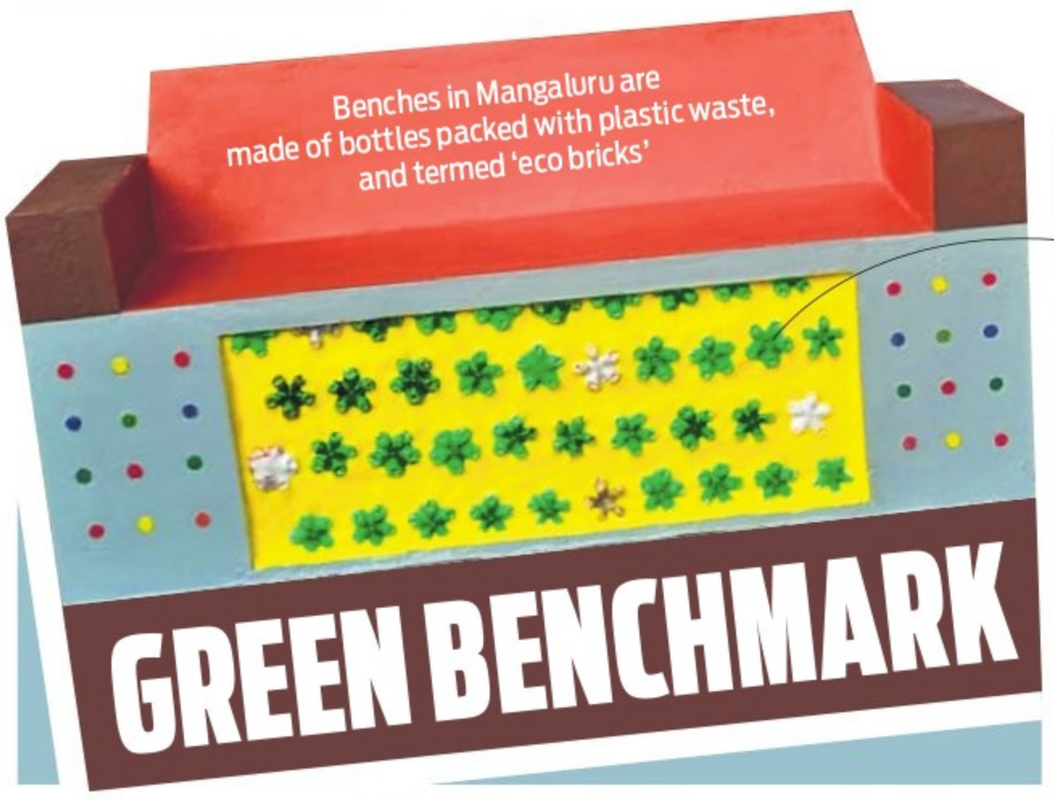


GREEN BENCHMARK

KAVYASHRI RAO @ Mangaluru

The benches in Kadri Park use plastic pet bottles as one of the raw materials

PLASTIC. Microplastics. Recycling. Sustainability. These are words one hears quite often, but the Canara Organization for Development and Peace (CODP) has taken them a step further. Thirty-plus benches installed all over the city of Mangaluru have an innovative backstory to them, or rather, an innovative base.

Since 1998, and more properly since 2019, benches at Fajir Church, Morgan's Gate Park, Kadri Park and now Father Muller's, have plastic bottles as their base. These bottles are carefully put together through a process that CODP director Fr Vincent D'Souza describes as "filling 1-litre and 2-litre bottles with other plastic trash with a stick. It has to be absolutely full to be used."

How does one get so much plastic together? It has been painstakingly brought together from various sources: local bakeries, collected by 400 Seva Sanghs and lastly, from functions at CODP's own banquet hall. Such tightly packed stone-like bottles are called "eco-bricks", sparking curiosity and leaving one wondering where they began and how they made their way to Mangaluru.

Fr Vincent explains, "A German student, Ida Nitsche, came here with two of her friends. She taught us how to make these eco-bricks."

While the Philippines had the first eco-brick structure, this unique offering is catching up in India, bringing with it employment opportunities too. The bench at Father Muller's was inaugurated in May 2024 and two specially trained workers built the traditional part of it.

The benches at educational institutions had eco-bricks put together by children as young as 10 years old! That makes it a hands-on experience with sustainability and creativity.

A lot of thought goes into making and improving the benches based on responses. The benches are built away from trees to prevent microplastics reaching roots, but small leafy plants like mahogany are planted to provide shade to the resting public.

Also, after having noticed the lack of interest shown in the Kadri Park bench, the CODP upped its innovation by adding back support in its subsequent benches. This one-of-a-kind offering has inspired varied thoughts and feelings from the wandering public.

One man who frequents the Father Muller area, says he had never noticed the uniqueness of the bench till attention was drawn to it. At Kadri, a regular park goer doesn't find it aesthetically pleasing, but likes the idea behind it.

Deepak, a Madikeri native, was wonder-struck when he saw the green and white dotted bench at Kadri and wanted it to be replicated in his hometown too. An unnamed engineer allayed concerns about decomposition of the benches. People ask that while plastic may last for 400 years as claimed, what about cement and clay?

To this, he responded, "Firstly, 400 years is a long timescale for a bench, if it lasts for 50 years alone it is a triumph. Secondly, if the structure deteriorates, the foundation can be redone and put back. It is still a better bet than wooden or metal benches."

The benches are deliberately designed to show the green, yellow and white bottoms of the bottles, displaying their non-organic origins. The bottles have to be homogenous (same-sized) in order to make the structure strong. The individual shape of the bottles doesn't matter, but their quantity does.

The Kadri Park bench is made up of 175 bottles put together by Seva Sanghs like Kamadhenu, Kalpavriksha, while Father Muller's bench took up six months of trash, all of which would've filled landfills and polluted oceans instead. Eco-bricks are creative, innovative, fun to make and relatively earthquake-proof. They take the vices of plastic, like its durability, and convert it into a strength.

The Canara Organization for Development and Peace will celebrate its Golden Jubilee (1974-2024) this year, and perseveres in its efforts to bring about an innovative stop-gap solution for plastic accumulation through its eco-brick benches.

Mantri Paradise residents collaborate with green warriors to process biodegradable waste into organic manure

Creative composting

AFNAN HAVELI @ Bengaluru

IN a remarkable initiative aimed at sustainable living, residents of Mantri Paradise on Bannerghatta Main Road, near Arekere Gate signal, have turned their everyday waste into 1.5-2kg of organic manure, resulting in almost 60kg of manure every month. Led by Shanold Lobo and Raj Kumar of the Mantri Paradise community, the project has transformed waste management through creative composting, helping them save around Rs 15,000 solely on manure purchase.

Commencing on April 1, the first phase of the project quickly gained momentum with daily composting activities involving diligent housekeeping staff. The abovementioned dedicated individuals worked tirelessly for nearly two hours every day, collecting and processing biodegradable waste such as used tea leaves, fruit peels and vegetable waste. The first phase, which lasted 45 days, had been successful in producing 64kgs of compost. After five days of sun drying, the compost was ready to use.

This initiative has significantly reduced the building's daily waste output from 280kg to 200kg, with 60 to 70kg now reserved specifically for composting. Residents from Mantri Paradise came forward to segregate uncooked fruits and vegetable waste and contribute to composting, thereby reducing wet waste that is being sent out. They were able to compost 70% of the total green garbage.

Kaushika Saravanan and Munna Saha of Indian Pollution Control Association (IPCA), in collaboration with Motherson, guided this routine in the community's daily life. With the support of the Mantri Paradise Apartments Owners' Association members Priti Chauhan and Kamala Krishnan, their efforts yielded impressive results. The recent harvest yielded 64kg of nutrient-rich manure.

The installation of twelve Aerobins proved pivotal in not only reducing waste but also enhancing the local environment. The byproduct produced by the Aerobins, 'leachate water', utilised in a 1:20 ratio for plant irrigation proves the project's eco-friendly force. Additionally, this initiative has eliminated unpleasant odours and insect manifestations, ensuring a clean and hygienic environment for residents.

1. The housekeeping staff collect biodegrable wet waste. 2,3. The next step is to put the wet waste in the aerobins for 45 days to turn it into compost. 4. The compost is then sundried for five days before use | EXPRESS

Kamala Krishnan said it was like running a small-scale industry. It has helped give back to the society and environment at large, with help of the staff.

Ranka Colony and MJR Residency in Whitefield also visited their premises and were inspired to compost. This project gained IPCA's acknowledgement and their positive feedback was a testament to the community's efforts.

Community member Priti Chauhan said, "Kamala and I always wanted to do something for the environment. For a decade and a half, residents have been segregating dry waste and wet waste. However, we did not know how to start this project, that's when IPCA helped us."

IPCA, in collaboration with Motherson, provided Mantri Paradise with a total of 12 Aerobins and gloves free of cost and said they will be supplying cocopeat for the next eight months. Reflecting on the success of the project, Kamala also added, "The project has rapidly become successful. Initially, I was not confident but the progress of the project has assured me greatly, especially with the compost production of almost 60kg every month."

Vijay, president of the Mantri Paradise Apartments Owners Association, proudly said, "Green garbage composting is one of the most powerful and pioneering projects we've done this year. Everyone was looking forward to it and the timing of IPCA in collaboration with Motherson approaching us was just perfect."

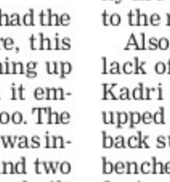
With a keen eye for detail, Mantri Paradise has arranged dustbins of different colours – green bins for reuse garbage, a bin for composting garden leaves, and a blue dustbin for green garbage that goes into composting which was also provided by IPCA for free. The first harvest of Phase 2 which began on June 1 is 64kg of ready manure.

Priti also briefed that the dry compost manure will be sold outside at a cost of Rs 30 per kg. She added, "Selling dry compost manure will increase revenue and also help in making it a self-sustainable project."

Scrap NEET, allow states to conduct tests, say experts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA state committee for All India Save Education Committee (AISEC) on Saturday conducted a 'Convention against Mega Fraud in NEET examination' to discuss and address the fairness, accessibility, and integrity of competitive exams. Experts from the industry opined that NEET examinations should not be central and be left to states. They added that every state should be allowed to conduct their own entrance exams.



Former Advocate General of Karnataka, professor Ravivermakumar said that the National Testing Agency (NTA) is a non-professional body that conducts the exams. "Handpicked by the government to conduct important national entrances, NTA is given absolute power. The agency is a gold mine for corruption," he added.

The professor said, "Under the pretence of the slogan 'One Nation, One Test', there is a monolithic judiciary headed by the government. NEET should be abolished. A total of 1,50,171 students from the state appeared for the entrance, and 89,088 cleared it. Around the country, over 24 lakh students appeared for NEET-UG 2024."

Jawahar Nesan, Member of the High Power Committee to NEET and former VC, JSS Technological University, Mysuru, highlighted the increased suicide rates among students due to the pressure of NEET examination. He said, "Have we seen any exam in the world that has attracted so many suicides? Coaching centres are just minting money. NEET has become a proof of commercialized medical education by enforcing private coaching."

The panel also recommended that only meritorious students should be eligible for NEET seats. Many are deprived of the chance due to management quotas. Experts also want the government at the state and central levels to focus on improving the quality of medical education rather than just increasing the number of colleges.

BIG DAY

1,218 students graduate from GITAM varsity

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

GITAM University, a Visakhapatnam-based educational institute held its 15th annual convocation at its Bengaluru campus on Saturday. A total of 1,218 students graduated and gold medals were awarded to outstanding students in various domains. During the convocation, honorary doctorates were also awarded to Padma Shri recipient Leela Samson and Anand Malligavad, 'Lakeman of India'.

Sudhanshu Mani, a visionary engineer at Vande Bharat Express delivered the convocation address. He encouraged students to upskill themselves and also advised educational institutions to integrate theoretical knowledge with real-life lessons.

Gitam University president M Sribharat highlighted the importance of industrial experts, especially in the field of engineering. He also spoke about the need to collaborate with the Government of India in setting up a skill centre in the emerging industrial park. "Students should emerge as skilled professionals ready to make a difference in the world," stated Sribharat. Chancellor, Virander Singh Chauhan, vice chancellor, Dayanand Siddavattam, pro-vice Chancellor, KNS Acharya, and others were present.

Higher Education Minister MC Sudhakar inspects web casting system adopted by KEA to enure transparency in exams | ALLEN EGENUSE J

Govt looking at CBT models of AP, Maharashtra: Sudhakar

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"There should be uniformity in the examination system. We will see if the state has the infrastructure to do it. We have to keep in mind that students in rural areas will not have access to computers and will have to set up cyber centres for the purpose," Sudhakar said. The minister said "sensitising" students to this new process will be crucial and teachers at the PU level have started doing it. The government is studying the CBT models of states such as Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. To curb malpractices, KEA will monitor the examination centres through a command control room. The new system uses biometric verification facial recognition, and AI to map individuals. Copying or unnatural behaviour of students will be flagged by the system. He said, "Today KEA is conducting exams for BMTC and KKRTC recruitments. While 8,479 individuals had applied, data shows only 2,600 appeared for the test. We will study the reasons for such low numbers."

KEA's app to help students fill CET forms

ENS @ Bengaluru

TO ease the burden on students, the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) will soon launch an app that will give detailed instructions on how to fill forms and have step-by-step information on document verification for CET.

The app is in the final stages of development, said Higher Education Minister MC Sudhakar on Saturday. "We see that many students from rural areas make mistakes while filling forms. Over 6,500 applications needed editing for this year's CET. Students need to be trained," the minister said.

The final seat matrix for engineering is expected to be released by the AICTE early next week, after which counselling will begin. KEA is awaiting the Supreme Court's order on the NEET-UG admission process. Speaking about the NEET-UG row, Sudhakar said there is a need to analyse the admission criteria.

"Instead of offering admission on NEET-UG scores, 50% weightage should be given the student's 2nd PU marks. This will guarantee meritorious students getting the seat," he stated.

BCIC signs MoU with JAGSoM for PG Diploma in SMEs

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The Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC) along with all major small and medium enterprise (SME) associations in the state signed an MoU with Jagdish Sheth School of Management (JAGSoM) to launch the country's first academic programme for SMEs.

The primary objective of the initiative is to design and promote exclusive academic programmes tailored to train candidates in effectively managing SMEs. The MoU was signed in the presence of Union Minister of State (MoS) for MSME and Labour and Employment Shobha Karandlaje, and Bangalore Rural MP Dr CN Manjunath.

Major MSME associations that signed the MoU include Peenya Industries Association (PIA), Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) and Laghu Udyog Bharati. The academic programme will include a PGDM of two years and MBA for one year, both recognised by AICTE and accredited by AACSB.

Candidates who complete the one-year programme can pursue additional credits to earn a PGDM. JAGSoM will develop the curriculum, and identify faculty.

The Whitefield traffic police have issued a traffic advisory in view of the Jaganatha Rath Yatra from Ramagondanahalli to Whitefield Inner Circle Grounds, scheduled at 3 pm on Sunday. The police have warned of slow moving traffic in Ramagondanahalli, Siddapura, Nallurahalli, Borewell Road and Whitefield Inner Circle Grounds and surrounding areas

DRI arrests 3, seizes cocaine, weed worth Rs 30 crore

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

AFTER a drastic decrease in Afghanistan's opium production, and increase in trafficking of cocaine, opioids including synthetic opioids has become a challenge for law enforcement officers across the globe including India.

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Bengaluru zonal unit (BZU), intercepted a Kenyan who had travelled from Doha to Bengaluru in a Indigo airlines on July 12, and seized three kgs of cocaine worth Rs 30 crore in the international grey market, said informed sources. The accused has been arrested under the NDPS Act, 1985. Sources added that he had reportedly concealed the contraband narcotic drug in the false bottom of his check-in baggage.

"The accused was intercepted at the Kempegowda International Airport after elaborate surveillance. The passenger's baggage contained packets of off-white powdered substance, weighing three kgs. The substance tested positive for cocaine, and the street value of the contraband is over Rs 30 crore," said sources.

In an earlier instance, on July 5, on credible inputs the DRI, BZU officials intercepted two Indian women from Tamil Nadu, who had arrived at KIA from Bangkok and seized 3.2 kg of hydroponic weed from their baggage.

Homemaker, minor son found dead in Yelahanka apartment

Woman leaves behind death note, says was depressed after husband died of cancer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A 43-year-old woman and her 13-year-old son were found dead at their residence in an apartment complex within Yelahanka police station limits, on Friday. Investigations revealed that the mother and son ended their lives dejected by the death of her husband about three months ago to cancer.

The deceased have been identified as Ramya, a homemaker, and her son Bhargava, who was studying Class 7 at a private school.

The police said the incident came to light on Friday afternoon when Ramya's daughter, who is studying BSc in a private college and stays in a paying guest accommodation in Sunkadakatte, came home and found her mother hanging from the ceiling and brother's body on the bed. It is suspected that Bhargava first took the extreme step after which Ramya brought his body down and then hanged herself.

"The incident might have taken place on Wednesday and the bodies were found in a decomposed state. Before taking the hasty step, Ramya had contacted her daughter over the phone. As there was no response from her mother or brother after that, the daughter came to check on them on Friday," the police added.

Ramya has left a note addressed to her daughter, sister and the police, in which she has stated that she was in depression due to death of her husband, who died of cancer three months ago, and hence she was taking the extreme step.

2 kids die after father feeds poisoned food

Mysuru: Two children died after their father gave them food laced with poison in KR Nagar, Mysuru district, on Saturday. According to the police, Manjunath (40), a resident of Cheeranahalli village, fed food laced with poison to Chaitra (16), a Class 10 student, and Shreyas (12), a Class 6 student, at his farm at 5.30 pm on Friday. Manjunath also consumed the same food to end his life. Villagers rushed them to the hospital, but Shreyas and Chitra failed to respond to treatment and died. Manjunath is in a critical condition. Manjunath's wife Sumitra had committed suicide two months ago and he was depressed.

150km of roads to be white-topped soon

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

THE BBMP on Monday will hold bhumi puja for its ambitious white-topping project worth Rs 1,700 crore that will cover 150 km. The puja will be held simultaneously at Malleswaram, Mahalakshmi Layout, Chamarajpet and Gandhi Nagar Assembly constituencies and the project will be initiated, officials said.

"The white-topping work will be done for all the arterial and sub-arterial roads as they keep developing potholes because of heavy traffic volumes," a BBMP official said.

The BBMP will consult the traffic department and work on alternative routes and bear down on contractors to complete the work on time.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath had recently said agencies like the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL), Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM) and others need to conduct surveys for their cables and pipes running along the roads decided for white topping and asked to speed up the work of shifting them. He had held an inter-departmental coordination meeting involving other civic agencies and announced that BBMP will take up white-topping projects in 15 different packages and asked BWSSB, BESCOM, GAIL, and others to conduct site surveys and submit a report. He had also stressed that he will not permit cutting of the road for any reason after the completion of the white-topping work.

WHEN CAMERA SPEAKS

A broken footpath (left) on Ambedkar Veedhi in the Central Business District of Bengaluru, is now repaired after its picture was published in The New Indian Express recently | GAYATRI SREEKESH

Youth chased on NH 75, hacked to death

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A 24-year-old man was chased and hacked to death on the Bengaluru-Kolar National Highway-75 on the outskirts of the city, around 11.30 pm on Friday.

Police are looking at road rage as a possible reason behind the murder apart from any personal motive.

This is the second murder in the last one month where victims are chased and hacked to death in the same vicinity.

The victim, identified as Bhargav, is a resident of Kolar, and was working with a firm engaged in vehicle seizure.

He was going in an SUV when he was accosted at Mylapura Gate between Ramasandra-Gangapura village by the assailants in another four wheeler.

Police said Bhargav noticed the four-wheeler following him from Kolar. Sensing danger, he started speeding but the vehicle overtook him and stopped suddenly.

He could not stop his SUV and rammed into the vehicle of the accused.

Bhargav immediately came out of his SUV and started to run but the accused gave chase and hacked him to death.

The Nandagudi police have registered a case of murder.

On June 16, 27-year-old Naveen Naik of Gangapura village was killed in a similar manner.

Experiential learning through visits to ISRO, NIMHANS crucial, says Khader

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

ADVOCATING experiential learning through visits to institutions such as Indian Space for Research Organisation (ISRO) and National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Assembly Speaker UT Khader emphasised the importance of guiding the younger generation in today's fast-paced consumerist era.

He was speaking at the International School Leaders' Summit (ISLS) by Alliance University, held from July 12-14. The annual event brings together leaders, professionals and global experts in education to tackle contemporary challenges in education through innovative solutions.

Central to the theme 'Skill Development and Entrepreneurship', ISLS featured a series of sessions and panel discussions covering a broad spectrum of topics, including the implementation of NEP and NCF, emotional intelligence and entrepreneurship.

Educationist and edupreneur Aisshwarya DKS Hegde highlighted the transformative potential of AI in prompting students to pose fundamental questions and grasp larger phenomena ethically.

Founder and Chairman of CED Foundation Dr Priyadarshi Nayak underscored the significance of Quantum Science and Technology alongside AI. He elaborated on the Accelerating Learning for All (ALFA) pedagogy and stressed on the criticality of continuous teacher skill development. Pro-Chancellor Abhay G Chebbi emphasised the cultivation of higher-order thinking skills and critical thinking through the integration of AI in educational processes. He advocated for a backward integration approach and outlined how technologies like AI can facilitate this process.

TO GRANDPARENTS WITH LOVE...

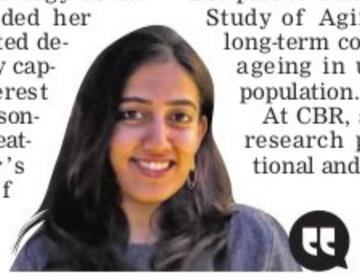
City girl gets Rs 1 Cr scholarship to do PhD in cognitive ageing in US

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

MOVED by her great-grandmother's struggle with Alzheimer's and witnessing her grandparents' memory loss with age, 26-year-old **Meenakshi Menon** from Bengaluru, who has done extensive research on cognitive ageing, has earned a scholarship worth Rs 1 crore to pursue PhD at Georgia State University in the US.

Meenakshi decided to pursue research on cognitive ageing when she was 17. And nine years later, she is preparing for her PhD in Cognitive Sciences. She chose to study the psychological and clinical aspects of ageing, focusing on developing interventions to maintain memory and addressing gaps in ageing research.

Coming from a pure science educational background, Meenakshi, who was in Mumbai in 2015, chose psychology as her elective subject that year. While studying psychology as an elective provided her with only limited details, what truly captured her interest and hit her personally were her great-grandmother's stories of struggle.



"My dad used to tell me about his grandmother, who suffered from Alzheimer's, which destroys memory and other important mental functions," she said. He once mentioned that although times have changed, the treatment options and research in the field have not advanced much even today.

This struck Meenakshi deeply as she was close to her grandparents. Motivated by this, she decided to study psychology and focus on helping people deal with ageing-related problems such as memory loss.

Meenakshi majored in psychology during her undergraduate studies and completed her PG in Applied Psychology from Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in Mumbai.

Residing in JP Nagar with her family, Meenakshi worked as a research scholar at the Centre for Brain Research (CBR) of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in 2023 and was also part of Tata Longitudinal Study of Aging (TLSA), a long-term cohort study on ageing in urban Indian population.

At CBR, she presented research papers at national and international conferences, including at the Alzheimer's Association's International Conference in Amsterdam in July 2023.

Meenakshi is one of two Indians selected as an ambassador representing India in the Alzheimer's Association International Society to Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment (ISTAART) at the World Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Philadelphia, US, to be held from July 27 to August 1.

Observing her grandparents at home during the Covid-19 pandemic, Meenakshi decided to conduct qualitative research on how elderly couples cope with the challenges of the pandemic while pursuing her PG degree. Subsequently, she presented research papers at a conference on healthy ageing at NIMHANS.

Meenakshi said that her efforts are aimed at bridging research gaps and positioning India at the forefront of ageing studies and other psychological aspects and also at enhancing understanding of interventions, countering the misconception that memory loss is an inevitable part of ageing, which is not factual.

QuoteExpress

My dad used to tell me about his grandmother, who suffered from Alzheimer's, which destroys memory and other important mental functions — Meenakshi Menon

EXPRESS READ

Ramaiah Memorial, Mount Sinai Health System ink pact

Bengaluru: In a bid to advance healthcare services through collaborations in clinical excellence, quality of care, research, innovation, and technology, Ramaiah Memorial Hospital signed an MoU with the New York-based Mount Sinai Health System on Friday. The event was inaugurated by Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, along with Gokula Education Foundation Chairman Dr MR Jayaram and Mount Sinai International President Dr Szabi Dorotovics. The collaboration highlights the institutes' commitment to advance clinical competencies and Centres of Excellence across specialities.

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Short Term Tender Notification No:03/2024-25
Date: 09.07.2024

The Executive Engineer, CNNL.,Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur-573120 Hassan Taluk Hassan Dist., As Per KC-4, invited Item rate Short term tender (Two covers) through K.P.P.Portal only vide No.03/2024-25, Dt:09.07.2024 on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from the eligible contractors of "The Consultant/Company should be registered with the Registrar of Companies/Minister of Micro, Small and medium Enterprises". Details-3 works, Cost put to tender approximate Maximum amount Rs.69.56lakhs and minimum Rs.50.06Lakhs (Inclusive of GST), EMD as Prescribed in K.P.P.Portal, The contractor can have access e-tender documents from 15.06.2024 to 24.07.2024 through website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on payment (Non Refundable) of transaction fees as fixed by K.P.P.Portal (2)Opening of Technical bid (Cover-I) 25.07.2024 at 5.00 PM onwards. (if possible) (3)Cover-II (Financial bid) will be opened after approval of Technical bid from the competent authority. For further information etc., contact in the undersigned office during working hours or through website https://kppp.karnataka.gov. (Department).

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur.

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Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation: Ballari Division: Ballari.

No. KKRT : BLR : TR : COMM : 766 : 2024-25
Date: 11-07-2024.

E-Tender Notification No:07/2024

Applications are invited through e-procurement for selecting licensee to commercial stalls/open place at Ballari Central / City Bus Terminal / Siruguppa / Kurugod / Kampli / Kuduthini/ Moka / Tekkalakote and Sirigeri Bus Stand and hoardings at kuduthini and sandur bus stand coming under KKRTC Ballari Division. Interested bidder can download notification through **"https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in"** and instructed to read and understanding the terms and conditions before submit online application. The bidders must submit their documents and EMD amount through E-Portal Only. **(DD/Cash will not accepted for EMD and other fees).** Application can submitted till 29-07-2024 at 17:00 hrs. E-Tender will be opened on 31-07-2024 after 12:00 hrs. The Corporation reserves the right to accept, reject or without any notice select the bidders or postpone or modify or cancel the e-tender/manual tender notifications. For more details visit online protal or **Divisional Traffic Officer, Ballari** (Mobile No. 77609 92152).

Sd/- Divisional Controller,
KKRTC, Ballari Division, Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/233/KSMCA/2024-25

PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given to public that Sri. Chandrashekar J S has lost original registered sale deed bearing Doc.No. 1105/1985-86 and is intending to mortgage the schedule property and avail loan from ICICI HFC Limited.
If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within seven days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client.

SCHEDULE :

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Khatha No.1722, Assessment No.1519, Khatha No.485/1937/1722, New No. 1737, PID No.20-501-48, Situated at Vijay anagar Rahim Sab Layout, Bangarapete Town, Bangarapete Taluk, Kolara District, and bounded as follows: East by -Property belongs to Annapoorna, West by-Road, North by- Ramarao Building, South by -Road. Measuring 23x28 ft

V.L. Associates
Advocates
No.56, Out House, 19th Main Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010. Ph: 94819 00851/ 9743323668.
Place: Bangalore Date: 13.07.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that my client is intending to purchase the immovable property described in schedule hereunder written from Smt. Leela Nagaraj W/o late K. Nagaraj. Any person/s, institution having any claim or objection in my client proceeding to finalize the sale transaction, they may do so by filing his/her/their/its claim/objection supported with documents so as to reach the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this publication. No claim/objection shall be entertained after the expiry of the period notified above. Further if no claims or objections is received within the date stipulated above my client would conclude to proceed in finalizing the sale transaction as though there are no claims or objections.

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All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No. 13, in the layout formed by Sri Anjaneyaswamy House Building Co-Operative Society Limited approved by BDA carved out of lands in Sy.No.71 of Ittamadu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk presently situated at 100 ft Road, 5th Block, 3rd Phase, BSK III Stage, together with building comprising of Ground floor within the limits of BBMP bearing PID No. 55-445-13 bounded on the East by: Site No.12, West by: Vacant land, North by: Road and South by: Site No. 15.

M.S. Narayan, P.R. Arjun, Advocates
No. 18, 3rd Cross, Annayappa Block, Kumar Park West, Bangalore-560020. M: 9845062134

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client is intending to purchase 0 acre 6.12 guntas of land in Sy. No. 22/13 of Hirandahalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk Bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Land bearing Sy. No. 22/1, **North by :** Land of Mrs. Susheelamma, **South by:** Land bearing Sy. No. 21.

From Mrs. Manjula, aged about 39 years, D/o. Late. H. V. Govindappa, W/o. Mr. M. Ramachandra, residing at Medahalli Village, Virgonagar Post, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru– 560 049.

Any person having any right, title, interest and claim whatsoever in and over the Schedule property or any liability, may lodge their claims/ objections with documentary proof with the undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this Notice, otherwise my client shall proceed to complete the Sale transaction as if there are no subsisting claims or objections and that all such claims or objections not filed in time shall be deemed / presumed to have been waived and shall not be binding on my client.

Sd/- **B.B. UMADEVI,** Advocate
No. 715, 1 st 'C' Main, 8 th Block, 8th Block, Jayanagar, B'lore- 70
Mob. 9343281627. Date: 13.07.2024.

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Office of the Commissioner for Transport in Karnataka, 1st Floor, T.T.M.C.Building, B.M.T.C. Complex, Shantinagar, Bangalore.

No. CT/F&B-3/PR-257/2022-23 Date: 12.07.2024

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Quotations are invited by Transport Department from the eligible firms for operation and maintenance of Automated Driving Testing Track established at Athani **(CALL-3)**. Quotations along with necessary documents shall be submitted On-line through e-Procurement platform only. For more details please log on to e-procurement website **kppp.karnataka.gov.in** They may take assistance from e-procurement help desk at +91-8046010000/+91-8068948777

Last date for submission of Bids is: **12.08.2024. up to 4.00 P.M.** For clarifications please Contact 080- 22235176

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IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, B.S.N.L. BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU-560 001

O.A.NO.659/2023

BETWEEN:
YES BANK LIMITED., **APPLICANT**
AND:
SRI.LAKSHMI GRANITES & ANOTHER **DEFENDANTS**

To,

1.SRI.LAKSHMI GRANITES, REPRESENTED BY ITS PARTNER, NO.222, 2ND FLOOR, BALAJI LAYOUT, MALATHAHALLI, NEAR RING ROAD, BANGALORE-560 056

2. SLR AKSHA M-SAND AND STONE AGGREGATES REPRESENTED BY ITS PARTNER, NO.1, V H GARDEN, CHIKKA ABID AKEKALLU, NAGASANDRA POST, NEAR V H GARDEN, BANGALORE-560 073

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of Rs.37,51,635/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Five Rupees only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on 13/08/2024 at 10:30 a.m. as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day 02/05/2024

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BMTC launched new Metro feeder route — MF:43 and MF:43A — from Konanakunte Cross via Uttarahalli, Indo-American Hybrid Farm Cross, and Kariyanapalya, to Raghuvanahalli Cross. Operations will start from July 15. MF:43 will begin first trip of the day at 7.35 am, while MF:43A will start at 8.05 am

HDK says he has all documents to nail CM

Says when land was gifted to Siddu's wife, it was shown as agricultural land though conversion was already done

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

UNION Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel **HD Kumaraswamy** on Saturday alleged that the land for which the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) gave alternative sites to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife belonged to MUDA.

Speaking to the media in Bengaluru, the former chief minister said the 3.16-acre land that Siddaramaiah's brother-in-law purchased and later gifted to his sister (chief minister's wife) was earlier acquired by the MUDA and it had also given compensation for it.

He questioned Siddaramaiah's claims that the MUDA had given alternative sites to them for acquiring their land for developing a layout.

Kumaraswamy said the land belonged to Ninga alias Javara. "In 1992, the MUDA acquired it to develop a layout and issued preliminary notification. MUDA had deposited a compensation amount for 3.16 acres of land in court. In 1995, a final notification was issued. In 1998, the land was denotified in Ninga's name. It was done after his death. In 1998, Siddaramaiah was the DyCM," he said. The Union Minister explained that in 2004, Mallikarjuna Swamy purchased the land and in 2005, he submitted an application for land conversion. Kumaraswamy said Sidaramaiah was the DyCM at that time. "What was the Deputy Commissioner doing when the application was submitted for land conversion," he questioned.

The JDS leader said when the land was gifted to the CM's wife it was shown as agricultural land, though conversion was done earlier.

Slamming the CM for stating that they should get Rs 62 crore compensation from MUDA, the JDS leader questioned whose property was it. "I have all the documents," Kumaraswamy said showing a set of documents in the press conference.

On ST Corpn row

The JDS leader said if the CM had control over the administration, an employee of the Valmiki Corporation would not have died by suicide. He said Rs 94 crore was transferred when the election code of conduct was in force and what Siddaramaiah would have done if there was no death note? He said the corporation superintendent Chandrashekar's death is not a suicide, but a murder by the government.

'Conspiracy to register case against Nikhil'

Union Minister Kumaraswamy accused the state police chief of discussing registering an FIR against Nikhil Kumaraswamy over a protest in Ramanagara. "The DG&IGP held discussions in his office till 11 pm on that day," he said. The JDS leader alleged that the state police chief had reduced his position to that of a police constable.

Stormy session likely: Give time for constructive debates

THE general perception about the legislature sessions is that they have become platforms for elected representatives, cutting across party lines, to disparage each other rather than devote adequate time for constructive debates. That observation is not entirely misplaced, given what we have witnessed during the sessions in the recent past.

The monsoon session of the state legislature, starting on Monday, will be no exception if the state government fails to take the opposition into confidence to ensure smooth conduct of the proceedings and get the important bills passed after detailed debates. The opposition too has to realise the need for constructive debates, besides holding those in power accountable for any wrongdoing.

However, given the charged political atmosphere in the state, the nine-day session is likely to be acrimonious. In the first session after the Lok Sabha elections, the BJP-JDS combine is waiting to pounce on the state government over many issues, especially the allegations over large-scale irregularities in the ST Corporation, the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), and diversion of the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) funds for the guarantee schemes.

In the MUDA case, the BJP has hit the streets demanding Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's resignation and have demanded a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the allotment of sites to the CM's wife. The BJP sees it as a potent issue to corner the CM and the government. The CM and Congress are on the backfoot. The BJP-JDS' no-holds-barred attack on the CM is likely to continue in the Assembly and Council.

Besides MUDA, the Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribe Development Corporation Limited scam has caused a major embarrassment to Congress and its government. Its senior leaders are accused of misappropriating funds meant for taking up welfare programmes for Scheduled Tribes. Former minister and MLA B Nagendra has been arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), while the CBI is also probing the case.

The brazenness with which the ST Corporation's funds were diverted raised concerns over financial management in state PSUs, Boards, Corporations, and local bodies. Besides fixing the blame and getting to the bottom of the scam, members in both Houses must also discuss measures to bring transparency in financial management in the government, and putting in place systems for prudent management of tax-payers' money.

While healthy arguments or even heated exchanges are acceptable, politics should not derail the process of lawmaking. The government has a greater role in that regard. Nearly 20 bills, including the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill 2024, are likely to be tabled, and it must ensure a thorough debate on them. The bills will have far-reaching implications.

Take, for example, the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill. It proposes a new governance and administrative framework for Bengaluru with complete integration of various agencies. It mentions increasing the BBMP area to cover newer localities and dividing the entity into up to 10 corporations. The government is said to be considering a proposal for five corporations, each with around 80 wards and 200 square kilometre. The apex body that coordinates between various agencies will be headed by the CM and Bengaluru Development Minister.

In short, the proposed bill seeks to change the status quo approach to governance in the state capital and provide an alternative model of administration in tune with the tech city's growth. Nevertheless, the bill needs extensive consultations with various stakeholders. It has to be discussed in detail in the Assembly and Council, besides involving the members of Parliament from the state capital.

However, the opposition will miss former Chief Ministers HD Kumaraswamy and Basavaraj Bommai, in the assembly. They resigned after being elected as Lok Sabha members. Leader of Opposition R Ashoka may have to depend more on senior leaders including S Suresh Kumar to present nuanced arguments to take on the government, while others add to the opposition's firepower to put the government on the mat.

While the opposition may be justified in resorting to protests, and the government would be well within its rights to get the bills passed, the Presiding Officers in the Assembly and Council must ensure that bills are not passed amid the din and without extensive debates.

The session is likely to be stormy, but all those involved must make concerted efforts to have healthy, outcome-oriented discussions, including the contentious issues.

'SCSP-TSP funds utilised for Shakti as per law'

ENS @ Belagavi

"THE government has implemented the Shakti Yojane and other guarantee schemes to bring the women to the mainstream and strengthen them financially. The Special Component Plan (SCP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) funds have been utilised for these schemes under Section 7C," revealed president of the Karnataka Scheduled Caste and Tribal Development Corporation, Pallavi G.

She told media persons here on Saturday, "STP-TSP are the best programmes in the country to deliver justice to ground-level communities. It was introduced by Siddaramaih in his previous term as chief minister. He also allocated more funds for the welfare of SC/ST communities by legalising these programmes under Sections 7C and 7D. Section 7C mentions that the fund can be utilised more efficiently for good work. That is the reason it has been utilised for Shakti and other schemes to bring women into the mainstream." She said, "But some organisations are pressuring the government to use SCP/TSP funds only for the welfare of SC/ST communities. I have discussed it with the CM."

On the Rs 94-crore scam at the Valmiki Corporation, she said, "No one can be bigger than law. The government has formed a SIT and the investigation has started."

She said the state has 10.9 lakh people belonging to nomadic tribes as per the 2011 census who reside in forest areas. They are not aware of government programmes. Siddaramaiah had started an 'Alemari Kosha' in 2019, which has been converted into a corporation.

ALL EARS: SIDDU HEARS OUT GRIEVANCES OF CONG WORKERS

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

AT a time when the Congress government is mired in controversies over alleged irregularities in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday interacted with party workers to redress their grievances.

Over 600 grievances, ranging from Congress workers finding it tough to get their work done in government offices to being unable to get the benefits of various schemes, poured in.

A similar outreach programme was held on July 6, in which DyCM and KPCC president DK Shivakumar interacted with party workers. Siddaramaiah, however, missed the event as he had to attend a meeting of senior IPS officers. On Saturday, Shivakumar did not attend the CM's outreach programme as he was in Mumbai to attend a private event.

Several Congress workers also demanded that they be made members of various boards and corporations. "Appointments of chairpersons to most boards and corporations are done. There are some vacancies in 10-15 boards, and the appointments will be made by me and Shivakumar. Congress workers have already been appointed to district and taluk-level guarantee implementation committees. They will be considered while appointing directors to a few boards," Siddaramaiah said. He also called the Dharwad deputy commissioner over phone and instructed him to protect the interests of street vendors following a complaint by Ismail, a Congress worker from Dharwad. Similar complaints came from Congress workers in Chikkabalapur and Sidlaghatta.

He also spoke to the Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah interacts with Congress workers at the KPCC office in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

MD and instructed him to grant houses to five women cleaning staff attached to the KPCC office.

Responding to a request by Chandpasha of Ramasamudra of Yadgir district, he promised to grant him a house through the Zilla Panchayat CEO concerned and aid from the CM's Relief Fund.

Shivananda, a Congress worker, complained that except for an assurance letter from the CM Relief Fund, he could not get Rs 60,000 to undergo a surgery. The CM assured him that he would receive the grant through his officer, Ramaiah, with immediate effect.

Siddaramaiah, on a priority, went to specially-abled persons and addressed their grievances. He promised them that he will take steps to provide them with four-wheelers and jobs.

Faiz P Ahmed, a political science graduate who is specially abled, claimed that he had worked in the Congress war room in the recent Lok Sabha elections and needed help now. Siddaramaiah suggested that he register under the 'Yuvanidhi' scheme to receive Rs 3,000 per month for two years, besides training to improve his skills. A few women workers hailed Siddaramaiah as a "godly figure" for implementing the guarantee schemes. They insisted that Siddaramaiah expedite the process of granting houses to the needy so that he could be called 'Vasathi Ramaiah'.

The CM addressed over 200 grievances on the spot.

'NDDB software not in Kannada'

Karnataka State Milk Producers' Cooperative Societies' Workers Federation president S Shivanagappa brought to the CM's notice that the Automatic Milk Collection System (AMCS) software of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) was available only in English, Hindi, Marathi and Gujarati. "It will become a problem for workers if it is not in Kannada," he said. Siddaramaiah dialed the KMF MD and instructed him to take steps to ensure that it is available in Kannada too.

Names of netas from all parties heard in MUDA row, says Sait

ENS @ Bengaluru

KPCC working president and former minister Tanvir Sait said here on Saturday, "The names of people from all parties have been heard or comes to the fore in the MUDA (Mysore Urban Development Authority) irregularities, but I cannot take their names. I have been a member of the authority for the last 15 years." Sait, an MLA from Narasimharaja constituency in Mysuru, refused to react further, saying he is part of the Authority, and cannot speak as probe is going on.

He claimed MUDA wrote 12 letters on irregularities to higher authorities since the previous BJP government was in power.

After taking part in the programme 'Your CM with workers', along with CM Siddaramaiah, he said, "It is difficult for the public to get their work done at government offices which was why Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president DK Shivakumar initiated this outreach programme to address issues concerning party workers. It helps workers meet the CM, DCM and ministers."

He said Shivakumar too held a similar programme on July 6 and received 750 grievances. For Saturday, over 630 workers had registered, of which the CM addressed 250 complaints and gave the rest to his office to be looked into, he said.

The CM has asked five KPCC working presidents to draw up a list of probables to be appointed to boards and corporations, he said.

Karnataka on Saturday released 20,000 cusecs of water from the Kabini reservoir in HD Kote taluk, Mysuru district | EXPRESS

K'taka releases 20k cusecs to TN from Kabini dam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

FOLLOWING heavy rain in the Wayanad region of Kerala, the Kabini reservoir in Karnataka is filled to the brim. As a reuslt, Karnataka has released 20,000 cusecs of water from the dam to Tamil Nadu. Irrigation officials have issued a flood warning for people residing in low-lying areas asking them to move to safer places.

The dam saw an inflow of 19,181 cusecs. The water level stood at 2,283.3 ft as against the maximum of 2,284 ft. The live storage level was 19.06 tmcft as against the full storage level of 19.52 tmcft.

Meanwhile, a bridge across the Kabini river in Beechanahalli was submerged owing to the outflow. More water is likely to be released from the dam based on the inflow. Irrigation officials have also released water to fill the tanks in Mysuru and Chamrajanagar districts.

The heavy downpour in the Kabini catchment areas has made the authorities release water in the interest of the dam safety, an official said.

EXPRESS READ

K'taka has adopted better population control measures, says minister Dinesh Gundu Rao

DAVANAGERE: Stating that Karnataka stands first in implementation of population control measures, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said India's population which stood at 36 crore during Independence in 1947 has now reached 140 crore, which is quite alarming. Inaugurating that World Population Day event in Davanagere on Friday, Rao said the population explosion in Karnataka is much under control in comparison to other states. According to an estimate, the population growth will be on the decline by 2050. "Effective implementation of family control measures in southern states has helped in the control of the population in comparison with the northern states. Couples must have a gap of at least three years between two children," he said. ENS

CM throws farmers' pleas into bins: Joshi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Dharwad

UNION Renewable Energy Minister Pralhad Joshi came down heavily on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, alleging that the chief minister throws applications submitted by farmers into dustbins, instead of attending to them.

This is a dangerous development and also a testimony to CM Siddaramaiah's real attitude, the union minister added.

"The chief minister committed this horrendous act when he was at Chamarajanagar for a felicitation ceremony. Congress leaders are least bothered about farmers. They are paying a price for it and it can be witnessed in the party's decline across the country," he commented in Hubballi.

IREDA posts good growth

The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has recorded good growth in the first quarter of the current financial year reaching Rs 1,510.70 crore, which is a 30 per cent rise in net profit, the union minister added.

Dr G's flight returns to B'luru due to poor weather in S'mogga

SHIVAMOGGA: Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara, who was scheduled to inaugurate various projects, including residential quarters for the police in Soraba and Thirthahalli on Saturday, returned to Bengaluru without attending any event, as an IndiGo flight carrying him and other passengers could not land at the Shivamogga airport due to unfavourable landing conditions. The flight took off from Bengaluru at 11.40 am and was scheduled to land in Shivamogga at 12.40 pm. As the flight could not land, the minister's district tour was cancelled. G Parameshwara was to stay in Shivamogga district on Saturday and return to Bengaluru on Sunday. But a Star Air flight arriving from Tirupati landed soon after. A senior airport official told *The New Sunday Express* that the IndiGo flight could not land as the pilot decided against landing under poor weather conditions. The flight went around for about 10 minutes and returned to Bengaluru. "Just a few minutes after the IndiGo flight returned, a Star Air flight landed successfully at the airport," the official said. ENS

Workers of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme unearthed what appeared to be a cache of historical artifacts in a rubber plantation in Chengalayi, Kannur district. The 'treasure' was discovered during the digging of a rainwater harvesting pit on Thursday

46 YEARS ON

Puri Ratna Bhandar to open today

Purpose is inventorisation and conservation of treasury in Shri Jagannath temple

DIANA SAHU @ Bhubaneswar

AFTER a gap of 46 years, the inner chamber (Bhitar Bhandar) of Shri Jagannath temple's Ratna Bhandar (gemstone treasury) at Puri will be opened on Sunday for inventorisation and conservation. The state government provided the standard operating procedure (SOP) for the process to the temple administration on Saturday evening.

Speaking to this newspaper, retired Orissa High Court judge Biswanath Rath, who chairs the panel to supervise inventorisation and conservation of the treasury, said the SOP is for opening the Ratna Bhandar, shifting the ornaments and precious jewels to a designated room inside the temple and assessing the treasury's structural condition.

Jagannath Temple decorated with flowers during Rath Yatra in Puri

A separate SOP for inventory of the valuables will be released later. At 10 am on Sunday, the high level panel led by Justice Rath, the temple managing committee and officials of the Archaeological Survey of India will meet to decide on the time and the number of people who will enter the treasury. They would most likely enter after 1 pm, he said.

Efforts will be made to open the locks with the available keys but if that does not happen, the locks will be broken in the presence of the magistrate

Prithviraj Harichandan, Odisha Law Minister

A medical team will be stationed inside the sanctum sanctorum in case of any emergency. Similarly, a snake helpline team will be put on standby.

"Only two persons from the high level panel, a team of the temple administration and managing committee, ASI officials and temple servitors who are incharge of the Ratna Bhandar will enter the treasury in addition to the Collector and ADM," he said.

Law minister Prithviraj Harichandan said the keys to the Ratna Bhandar will be handed over to the team on Sunday. "Efforts will be made to open the locks with the available keys but if that does not happen, the locks will be broken in the presence of the magistrate," Harichandan said.

As for the inventory of the valuables, it will be done in a transparent manner in presence of experts and officials of the Reserve Bank of India. "Every piece of jewellery, its weight and caratage will be documented, photographed and digitised. The entire process of inventory will be fully documented," Harichandan added.

DMK clinches Vikravandi bypolls with wide margin

KRITHIKA SRINIVASAN @ Villupuram

Tamil Nadu CM and DMK chief MK Stalin distributes sweets to party workers following the victory in the Vikravandi Assembly bypoll, in Chennai on Saturday

THE ruling DMK secured a thumping victory in the Vikravandi by-election on Saturday by a wide margin of 67,757 votes.

The party's candidate, Anniyur Siva, polled 1,24,053 votes trumping PMK's C Anbumani, who contested as part of the National Democratic Alliance and got 56,296 votes. Naam Tamilar Katchi's candidate K Abinaya came a distant third with 10,602 votes. AIADMK, the principal opposition party, had boycotted the by-poll.

The DMK candidate maintained a significant lead over the opponents from round one of the counting. In terms of vote share, Siva, who had boasted of strong local support, secured 63.2 % votes while PMK recorded 28.7%, which was noticeably higher than its performance in the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections from the assembly segment and its performance in the 2016 Assembly election in which the party contested alone.

However, the PMK's votes was lower than the DMK's victory margin, though many had predicted that the Kallakurichi hooch tragedy, which happened during the by-poll campaign, and the perceived anti-incumbency against the DMK government would dent the DMK's vote share by more than 10 %.

Chief Minister MK Stalin described the win as a big accomplishment, and said the poll victory should also be etched in golden letters in the party's history. He regarded the victory as people's 'thanksgiving' to DMK regime's welfare schemes.

"We are continuing in our path of achievements and victory; we are with the people and people are with us," he said, thanking the people, DMK workers and allies. The party chief also pointed to INDIA bloc's win at the national level and said BJP should learn lessons from its defeats.

"BJP must realise that without respecting regional sentiments it cannot run the government and the party." he said.

Higher Education Minister K Ponmudy told reporters that the victory was an endorsement from the people for Chief Minister MK Stalin's good governance, whose various schemes had benefited the people, especially women and children.

Echoing a similar opinion, Siva said, "The election result is proof that people of Vikravandi have chosen DMK against all the negative campaigns by opposition parties and it will reflect in the 2026 assembly elections as well."

PMK founder S Ramadoss said the 'real victory' is for his party and the DMK's victory is "temporary' as it flexed its money power and 'unleashed cash and gifts." PMK spokesperson and advocate K Balu also alleged DMK of bribing voters with fancy gifts and ₹5,000 per vote.

Man accused of circulating daughter's private videos

Udupi: The mother of a young girl has lodged a complaint with the Udupi CEN police stating that her spouse circulated private videos of their daughter on a social media platform. As a result, her daughter tried to commit suicide by consuming a toxic substance. She has been admitted to the district government hospital in Udupi. Her husband, Asif was not happy about his daughter's relationship with Tauseef, a resident of Thirthahalli, so he forcibly snatched her phone and posted her private photos on social media. As per the complaint, Asif also allegedly beat his wife and daughter. It is also said that Asif called Tauseef home, beat him up, and later forcibly downloaded all private videos and photos from his phone too, and allegedly made them viral. Unable to bear the shame that the viral videos had brought to her, the daughter decided to end her life. However, she was immediately taken to the hospital. Police are now investigating the case. **ENS**

I am being framed in the case, says Nagendra

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ED officials informed the court that Chandrashekharan N, account superintendent of the corporation, who died by suicide, had claimed in his death note that officials of the corporation pressured him to transfer money as per the directions of the former minister.

The ED officials also contended that the accused (Nagendra) did not cooperate with the probe and hence, they need his custody for further investigation. Based on their request, the judge remanded the accused in ED custody for six days.

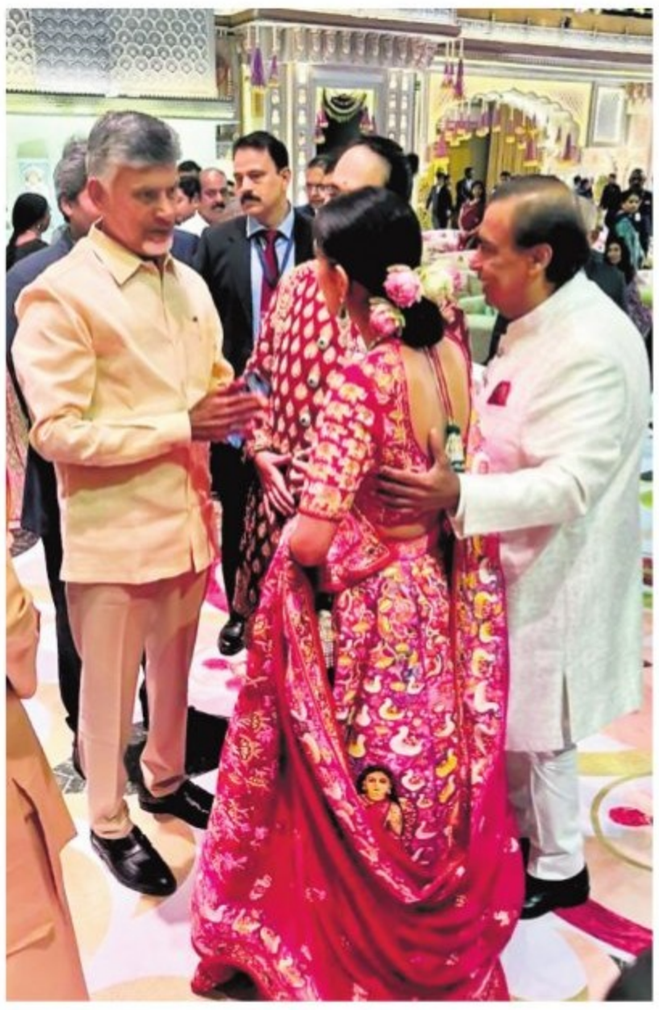
Nagendra, while being taken to the judge's residence, told reporters that he had no knowledge of the happenings in the corporation and alleged that he was being framed in the case.

It is learnt that the ED is looking into multiple aspects, including whether the misappropriated funds were diverted towards election expenses in the neighbouring states.

The ED officials grilled Nagendra for over 12 hours on Friday after bringing him to their office at Shantinagar from his residence in Dollars Colony, before formalising his arrest.

Meanwhile, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) issued a notice to Raichur Rural MLA Basavangouda Daddal, who is allegedly absconding after questioning on Friday, to appear before it on Monday.

The ED officials issued a notice to a woman, who had sold her property to Daddal's relative Karthik, to appear before them. The woman reportedly sold 3.5 acres of agricultural land to Karthik and Anjaneya for Rs 4 crore. She was given three cheques for Rs 25 lakh each and the remaining money was paid to her in cash.



BIG BASH

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu at the wedding of Ananth Ambani and Radhika Merchant in Mumbai on Saturday. The groom's father Mukesh Ambani looks on | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

Body of 8-yr-old rape victim remains untraced

Kurnool: The search operation for the eight-year-old girl, who was allegedly raped and pushed into a canal by three minor boys in Muchumarri village in Nandyal district, continued for the fourth consecutive day on Saturday without any success. Ane team each of the National Disaster Response Force and State Disaster Response Force, comprising 70 personnel, are engaged in the operation to trace the girl's body in the backwaters of the River Krishna. Meanwhile, several social organisations protested in the village, demanding action against the accused. **ENS**

Pothole death: Woman falls from bike, lorry runs over her

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

A 24-year-old woman was run over by a lorry on Friday, as the two-wheeler on which she was riding pillion with her brother in Anna Nagar lost balance and fell over, after running over a pothole covered with rain water.

Police said that the pothole was not visible due to water-logging in the heavy rain that pounded the city since Friday evening. The victim was identified as Hemamalini (24), a postgraduate and resident of ICF colony. Her brother Venkatesan (27) was riding the bike.

In the impact, Venkatesan and the bike fell to the left of the road, while Hemamalini fell to the right side.

Though she was wearing a helmet, a lorry trailing them ran over her stomach, crushing her to death on the spot, police said.

The lorry driver fled the spot after the incident and police are on the lookout for him.

They were returning from a wedding and driving on the Padi-Koyambedu 100 feet road in the rain.

An inconsolable Venkatesan told media persons that they were on their way to check on their mother who works in an eatery in the locality and that he was not even aware of a pothole, as it was covered with water.

Hemamalini was rushed to the Kilpauk medical college and hospital where she was declared dead on arrival. The local traffic investigation wing have booked a case and are investigating.

While preliminary inquiries indicated that the road was maintained by the highways department, the city corporation has coordinated with all other departments regarding levelling of potholes ahead of the monsoon, sources said. Specific directions have been issued for closing top slabs, open manholes and potholes to prevent accidents during the monsoon.

K'TAKA FOREST DEPT PROMOTES HONEY PRODUCED BY TRIBALS

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka forest department is encouraging the production and sale of honey collected by forest dwellers and tribals to encourage rural and tribal tourism and make them financially independent. With this in mind, the department is also popularising jungle safaris to increase tourists' interactions with tribals and boost honey sales.

Tribals and forest-dwellers have traditional knowledge in honey-collection. But their produce is not commercialised on a large scale because of multiple reasons, including lack of market visibility, limited production and sales, poor marketing and commercial exposure.

Now to address all these, forest officials of all the five tiger reserves, using the Project Tiger funds, are helping tribals and forest dwellers with bee boxes and technical support. "We will also sell the honey collected by these people at souvenir stores run by the department and Jungle Lodges & Resorts. We will also sell them

in the nearest urban centres, and even online so that a person sitting in Bengaluru can get pure unadulterated honey," said a forest department official.

In Kali Tiger Reserve, honey collected by Kunbi tribals is being sold under the brand name of 'Adavi' or 'Adavi Jhenkara'. In Bandipur and Nagarhole Tiger Reserves, the department has distributed bee boxes and the honey procured is being sold through the Large Area Multi Purpose (LAMP) Society. In BRT Tiger Reserve, small quantities are being sold by Jainu Kurubas through the LAMP Society and through the National Rural Livelihood Mission. The department is now partnering with tribals to supply bee boxes and is helping increase their honey production and sales.

Researchers and experts at Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) said this is a good initiative as it will stop the increasing sale of adulterated honey.

"Around 85 % of the honey sold in Indian domestic markets is adulterated. Also FSSAI has set 17 parameters to be met while selling honey, but they are met only when Indian honey is imported. This type of honey made in forests will be multi-floral. It will be free from antibiotics and artificial sweeteners. Samples of honey sold in Kodagu through the LAMP society have been tested and were found to be pure. Similarly, honey collected by dwellers from Sunderbans is also very popular. Such production and sales should be encouraged," an IIHR scientist, who is working on the project, said.

Man dies in bid to save wife as she slips from train

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kurnool

IN a tragic incident, a passenger died while trying to save his wife, who had slipped from the moving train. The incident took place on the outskirts of Dhone Railway Station early Saturday. The deceased has been identified as Sayed Afish (23) from Shiroor area in Udupi district.

According to railway police, Afish was married to Afra Bhanu four months ago, after a period of courtship. The young couple were returning to Bengaluru from Guntur by the Prasanthi Express after attending a family function. The duo were travelling in the general compartment and as there were no vacant seats, they sat on the footboard of the compartment. Afra Bhanu fell asleep and slipped from the train. Noticing this, Sayed Afish, also jumped in an attempt to rescue her. The guard of the train, who saw this, pulled the chain and stopped the train. Afish was taken to a hospital in Dhone, where the doctors declared him brought dead.

Meanwhile, Afra Bhanu, who lost consciousness after slipping from the train, woke up after some time and managed to walk to a nearby petrol station and received help from locals to reach a hospital. She was taken to Dhone Government Hospital. When she regained consciousness, hospital authorities and railway police told her about the incident.

Three held for hunting deer

MALLIKARJUN HIREMATH @Dharwad

FOREST officers in Kalghatgi range arrested three people in the act of transporting deer meat. Sources said that the accused are farmers and they hunted the deer with the help of dogs. Officers are in search of a few more people. Based on rumours, forest officials held a surprise inspection and as they checked the vehicles, they found the meat.

Speaking to TNIE Arunkumar Astagi range forest officer said teams were formed to keep vigil and on Friday a raid was conducted at Kandli village forest belt. Officials also seized deer legs and pelt.

"We are in search of a few more culprits involved in the act. Three others are at large. The accused said they were carrying the meat to their relatives' houses and the deer was hunted with the help of the dogs," he added.

11-yr-old Tumakuru girl sold to duck trader rescued

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tumakuru

THE Town police here rescued an 11-year-old girl who was sold to a duck rearer at Kadapa in Andhra Pradesh for Rs 35,000.

She was forced to work as a bonded labour at a farm belonging to Sriramulu, who rears and trades in ducks. The police said the girl's parents, Kumar and Chowdamma, residents of Dibburu area here, had sent their daughter to her aunt Sujatha's home at Hindupur a couple of months ago to take care of the latter as she had given birth.

The parents alleged that Sujatha, Chowdamma's younger sister, and her husband Shankar had cajoled the girl to go with them. They later allegedly sold the girl to Sriramulu for Rs 35,000 against the loans they had borrowed from him in the past. Sujatha's in-laws too were allegedly involved in the deal. "Sriramulu could have intimidated them to repay the loan and taken away the girl," sources said. All those involved in the case, including the accused, are relatives and had financial transactions with each other, they added. The incident came to light when Chowdamma, who was worried that her daughter had not called her over phone for the last few days, went to Sujatha's home recently. She met Sriramulu and asked him to return her daughter, but he refused. She returned to Tumakuru and approached Labour Inspector Tejavathy, who in turn alerted the police. A police team rescued the girl and is in search of the accused. "It's not a case of child trafficking per se. But we have booked the accused and will take action against them," Superintendent of Police Ashok KV told *TNSE*.

WESTERN RAILWAY

Material Management Department

VARIOUS MATERIALS SUPPLY

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/34/2024 Date 12.07.2024

S.N.	Short Description Of Items	Quantity	T.O.D.
463	PAD FOR SECONDARY SUSPENSION	2762 Nos	09-Aug-24
464	TWIN BEAM LED HEADLIGHT	800 Sets	09-Aug-24
465	SMOKE GREY	26272 Ltr	10-Aug-24
466	4.5 KW UNDERSLUNG CONSTANT	68 Nos	10-Aug-24
467	K TYPE NON ASBESTOS COMPOSITE BRAKE BLOCKS	90471 Nos	12-Aug-24
468	PRIMARY VERTICAL DAMPER	6299 Nos	12-Aug-24
469	DISTRIBUTOR VALVE TYPE	660 Nos	12-Aug-24
470	LOCK FOR UPGRADED HIGH TENSILE CBC	6086 Nos	12-Aug-24

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Tender Notice No: 03-XEN-CWS-MYSS-Spl2024-25 Dated : 10-07-2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Sub Work - I : Provision of Sunshade and Vertical Cladding in BRS and old HCR shop and **Sub Work - II :** Modification and repairs in Air Brake shop Area in Ashokapuram Workshop, Mysuru South.	Rs. 18,56,422/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs on 02-08-2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

The Executive Engineer, Central Workshop, Mysuru South

PUB/257/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 02-XEN-CWS-MYSS-SB-24-25 dated 05.07.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the work with its location	Approx. value
Upgradation of existing Samudhaya Bhavan with improved facilities AP Workshop, Mysuru South.	Rs. 62,28,135.64/-

Last date and time for submission of tender : **Upto 11:00 Hrs on 29.07.2024**

For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in

Executive Engineer, Carriage Repair Workshop, AP Workshop Mysuru South

PUB/243/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Application Notification No. 565/STBA/LOGH/07/2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed applications for engagement of Station Ticket Booking Agents at the following Railway Station over Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway for issuing of unreserved/General Tickets through Unreserved Ticket System (UTS) on commission basis for a period of Three (03) Years.

Sl.	Name of the Station	Station Code	Station Category
1	Lottegollahalli	LOGH	NSG-6

Last date and time of submission of Application : **from 10.00 hours to 15:00 hours of 14-08-2024**

For details log on: www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Bengaluru

PUB/256/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25

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No.F(4)()/CMS/SMS/2024/1370 Jaipur dated, the 08.07.2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY APPENDIX IV-A (See proviso to Rule 8(6)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to IDBI Bank Limited (Secured Creditor), the constructive/Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of IDBI Bank Limited (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is on 29th July 2024 for recovery of amount due to IDBI Bank Limited (Secured Creditor) for the below mentioned Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagors.

Date and Time of Auction: 29th July 2024 from 10:00 AM to 1.00 PM

Last date of online submission of Bid: 26th July 2024 before 04:00 PM. EMD Payment to be made into IDBI A/c No: 00834915010026; IFSC CODE: IBKL0000008 with relevant Bid Documents to reach us on or before **26th July 2024 before 04:00 PM** to IDBI Bank Limited, Retail Recovery, 3rd Floor, No.58, IDBI House, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027.

Minimum Bid increment: Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only).

(1) Name & Address of the Borrower: Mr. Pai Shailesh Vitthal & Mrs. Philomena K # 95/30, Krishnappa Poultary Farm Compound, Lingarajapuram, St.Thomas Town, Bangalore-560084
Demand Notice: 14-12-2022 **Possession Notice: 15-07-2023**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.60,06,029.96 (Rupees Sixty Lakh Six Thousand Twenty Nine and Paisa Ninety Six Only) as on 02-08-2023 together with further interest and charges thereon with effect from 02-08-2023. (less further payments , if any).
Property details: Schedule 'A' Property- All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Converted Survey No.143, now assigned New BBMP Katha No.46/Sy No.143, {Converted for non-agricultural residential purposes, vide Conversion Order No. ALN (E) SR: 36/2013-14, dated:30/07/2013, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore}, situated at Horamavu Agara Village, K R Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, totally measuring 15 guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the East by: Land bearing Sy No.23; West by: Land bearing No.143, belongs to G Vinutha; North by: Road and thereafter remaining portion of land in Sy No 143; South by: Land bearing SY No. 148; **Schedule 'B' Property-** 310 Sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above. **Schedule 'C' Property-**Flat bearing No.305 in the Third Floor, measuring about 1061 Sq.ft super built up area, containing Two bed rooms, together with RCC roofing, Vitrified flooring together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building known as "A. R. Orchid", constructed over Schedule "A" Property.
Reserve Price: Rs.45,00,000/- **EMD: Rs.4,50,000/-**

(2) Name & Address of the Borrower: Mr. Nagaraju Chamarthi, No. 10, Hebbal, Kempapura Patel, Venkatesh Gowda Layout Bangalore-560024.
Demand Notice: 12-12-2019 **Possession Notice: 07-10-2021**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.1,17,46,464/- (Rupees One Crore Seventeen Lakh Forty Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Four Only) as on 02-08-2023 + Applicable interest and thereon w.e.f. 02-08-2023 plus Incidental Expenses, Charges and costs (less further payments , if any).
Property details: COMPOSITE SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY (Description of the entire land) All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Residential Converted Land bearing Survey Nos.49/3 & 49/4, which is duly converted for residential purpose vide its conversion order No.ALN:(S.B)SR:18/2010-11, dt:14-07-2010, No.ALN:(S.B)SR:75/2009-10, dt:02/12/2009, No.ALN:(S.B) SR:21/2010-11, dt:14/07/2010, No.ALN:(S.B)SR:20/2010-11, dt:14/07/2010, No.ALN:(S.B)SR:19/2010-11, dt:14/07/2010, situated at Haralukunte Village, Beguru Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring 1Acre 14 Guntas or 58806 Sq ft, BBMP Katha Nos.1223/49/3, 946/49/3, 1220/49/3,1221/49/3, 1222/49/4, together with all appurtenances whatsoever, whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by : Property belongs to remaining portion 49/3 late V.C Rama Reddy & sons, West by : Land bearing Sy No.49/2, North by : Road and Land bearing Sy No.49/1, South by : Sy No.48. **SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY** (Description of the land hereby conveyed to the Purchaser) A 451 sq ft of undivided share of right, title, interest and ownership in the land of Schedule 'A' Property. **SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY** (Description of the apartment hereby conveyed to the Purchaser) All that piece and parcel of the Apartment bearing Flat No.006, 'A' Block, in the Ground Floor, of the apartment building known as "PURVI LOTUS" having a Super built up area of 1482 sqft, along with one covered car parking space in the ground floor consisting of Three bedrooms, hall, dining, kitchen, two bathrooms, Pooja room, along with proportionate share in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift and staircase contained in the multistoried building constructed on the schedule 'A' property with ceramic flooring.
Reserve Price: Rs. 83,00,000/- **EMD: Rs.8,30,000/-**

(3) Name & Address of the Borrower: Mrs. Shruthi Ponanna Areyada No.80 `PRARTHANA`,60 Feet Road, NGEF Layout, Sanjay Nagar,Near Karnataka Bank, Bangalore- 560094
Demand Notice: 27-06-2019 **Possession Notice: 22-11-2019**
Outstanding Amount: Rs. 93,06,247/- (Rupees Ninety Three Lakh Six Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Seven Only) as on 02-08-2023 together with further interest and charges thereon with effect from 02-08-2023 (less further payments , if any).
Property details: SCHEDULE I PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Property Old Survey No. 16/1 and now Re-Survey No. 16/3, situated at Vijinapura Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore converted from agricultural to non- agricultural residential use, vide the order dated 14/09/2010, passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District in Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN(E)SR(KH)66/2010-11 situated at Old Survey No.16/1 and now Re-Survey No.16/3, situated at Vijinapura Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore measuring 2 Acres including 1 Gunta Kharab of Land bounded on the : East by : Land Bearing Sy No.18 West by : Banaswadi Village Boundry & Road, North by : Remaining portion of the same Survey South by : Land bearing Sy.No. 15. **SCHEDULE II PROPERTY:** Part of the schedule I property agreed to be sold to the Second Part 384 sft undivided right, title and interest in IMMOVABLE PROPERTY mentioned in Schedule I above. **SCHEDULE III PROPERTY:** Apartment bearing Flat No.308, A Block, 3rd Floor, of 1280 Sft Super Built-up area, containing, 2BHK, together with one covered car parking space, along with proportionate share in common areas such as Passages, Lobbies, Staircase, contained in the Multi storied building to be constructed on the SCHEDULE I Property known as "ADITI ELOQUENT"
Reserve Price: Rs.62,00,000/- **EMD: Rs.6,20,000/-**

(4) Name & Address of the Borrower: Mrs. Shruthi Ponanna Areyada No.80 `PRARTHANA`,60 Feet Road, NGEF Layout, Sanjay Nagar,Near Karnataka Bank, Bangalore- 560094
Demand Notice: 27-06-2019 **Possession Notice: 22-11-2019**
Outstanding Amount: Rs. 89,07,683/- (Rupees Eighty Nine Lakhs Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Three Only) as on 02-08-2023 together with further interest and charges thereon with effect from 02-08-2023. (less further payments , if any).
Property details: SCHEDULE I PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Property Old Survey No.16/1 and now Re-Survey No. 16/3, situated at Vijinapura Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore converted from agricultural to non- agricultural residential use, vide the order dated 14/09/2010, passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District in Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN(E)SR(KH)66/2010-11 situated at Old Survey No.16/1 and now Re-Survey No.16/3, situated at Vijinapura Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore measuring 2 Acres including 1 Gunta Kharab of Land bounded on the : East by : Land Bearing Sy No.18, West by :Banaswadi Village Boundry & Road, North by : Remaining portion of the same Survey, South by : Land bearing Sy.No. 15. **SCHEDULE II PROPERTY:** Part of the schedule I property agreed to be sold to the Second Part 384 sft undivided right, title and interest in IMMOVABLE PROPERTY mentioned in Schedule I above. **SCHEDULE III PROPERTY:** Apartment bearing Flat No.408, B-Block FOURTH Floor, measuring 1280 Sft super built up area, containing 2 bedrooms, together with one covered car parking space, along with proportionate share in common areas such as Passages, Lobbies, Staircase, contained in the Multi storied building to be constructed on the SCHEDULE I Property known as "ADITI ELOQUENT"
Reserve Price: Rs.62,00,000/- **EMD: Rs.6,20,000/-**

(5) Name & Address of the Borrower: Mrs. Savitha B M # 803, 8TH Floor, A- Block, Vaishnavi Nakshatra Apts, Tumkur Road Yeshwanthapur, Bangalore-560022.
Demand Notice: 27-06-2019 **Possession Notice: 22-11-2019**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.1,18,49,522/- (Rupees One Crore Eighteen Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Two Only) as on 10.10.2023 together with further interest and charges thereon with effect from 10-10-2023. (less further payments , if any).
Property details: SCHEDULE I PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Property Old Survey No.16/1 and now Re-Survey No. 16/3, situated at Vijinapura Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore converted from agricultural to non- agricultural residential use, vide the order dated 14/09/2010, passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District in Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN(E)SR(KH)66/2010-11 situated at Old Survey No.16/1 and now Re-Survey No.16/3, situated at Vijinapura Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore measuring 2 Acres including 1 Gunta Kharab of Land bounded on the : East by : Land Bearing Sy No.18, West by :Banaswadi Village Boundry & Road, North by : Remaining portion of the same Survey, South by : Land bearing Sy.No. 15. **SCHEDULE II PROPERTY:** Part of the schedule I property agreed to be sold to the Second Part 507 sft undivided right, title and interest in IMMOVABLE PROPERTY mentioned in Schedule I above. **SCHEDULE III PROPERTY:** Apartment bearing Flat No.A-310, A Block, 3rd Floor, of 1690 Sft Super Built-up area, containing 3BHK, together with one covered car parking space, along with proportionate share in common areas such as Passages, Lobbies, Staircase, contained in the Multi storied building to be constructed on the SCHEDULE I Property known as "ADITI ELOQUENT".
Reserve Price: Rs.67,00,000/- **EMD: Rs.6,70,000/-**

(6) Name & Address of the Borrower: Mrs. Lakshmi Srinivasa & Mrs. Rathna Srinivasa W/o Mr.Srinivasa K V # 14, 2nd Main Road, Opp Malleshwaram Railway Station, Gandhi Grama, Gayathrinagar, Bangalore-560021.
Demand Notice: 20-07-2021 **Possession Notice: 08-06-2022**
Outstanding Amount: Rs. 94,74,408/- (Rupees Ninety Four Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Four Hundred and Eight Only) as on 02-08-2023 together with further interest and charges thereon with effect from 02-08-2023. (less further payments , if any).
Property details: All that piece and parcel of Residential Converted Land Bearing Sy.No.73/5 measuring 1 Acre 17 Guntas and Residential Converted Land Bearing Sy.No.73/6 measuring 21 Guntas both the properties totally measuring 1 Acre 38 Guntas, (converted vide Official Memorandum dated 6/7/2013, bearing No.ALN(EVH)SR/443/2012-13, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District Bangalore), Presently Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No.359/73/5/73/6/17, situated at Balagere Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. Bangalore and bounded as: East by: Remaining portion of Sy.No.73/5 and 73/6; West by: Remaining portion of Sy.No.73/5 and 73/6; North by: Land bearing Sy.No.73/4; South by: Road; **SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY-**370 Sq.feet, undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property (proportionate to the Schedule C Property. **SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY**-Residential Apartment bearing No.001 in the Ground Floor, Block-B, in Wing-D, admeasuring a super built area of 1380 Square Feet, consisting of 2 Bedrooms, in the Multistoried Residential Apartment Building Known as "SRI KRISHNA EXCEL STONE", constructed over the Schedule "A" Property Inclusive of proportionate share in the common area such as passage, lobbies, lift, staircase and other areas of common area, (including half portion in depth of the joints between the Ceiling of the Apartment and floors of the apartment above it, internal and external walls between such levels) and the building is of RCC roofing as per specification appended hereto with separate electricity, common water and sanitation, including all rights, title, interest, privileges, appurtenances, together with a covered car parking space slot to be earmarked and the apartment is bounded on: East by: Corridor, West by: Open to sky: North by: Open to sky: South by: Corridor.
Reserve Price: Rs.60,00,000/- **EMD: Rs.6,00,000/-**

(7) Name & Address of the Borrower: Mrs. Lakshmi Srinivasa & Mrs. Rathna Srinivasa W/o Mr.Srinivasa K V # 14, 2nd Main Road, Opp Malleshwaram Railway Station, Gandhi Grama, Gayathrinagar, Bangalore-560021.
Demand Notice: 20-07-2021 **Possession Notice: 08-06-2022**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.91,92,604/- (Rupees Ninety One Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Six Hundred and Four Only) as on 02-08-2023 together with further interest and charges thereon with effect from 02-08-2023. (less further payments , if any).
Property details: All that piece and parcel of Residential Converted Land Bearing Sy.No.73/5 measuring 1 Acre 17 Guntas and Residential Converted Land Bearing Sy.No.73/6 measuring 21 Guntas both the properties totally measuring 1 Acre 38 Guntas, (converted vide Official Memorandum dated 6/7/2013, bearing No.ALN(EVH)SR/443/2012-13, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District Bangalore), Presently Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No.359/73/5/73/6/17, situated at Balagere Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. Bangalore and bounded as: East by : Remaining portion of Sy.No.73/5 and 73/6; West by: Remaining portion of Sy.No.73/5 and 73/6; North by: Land bearing Sy.No.73/4; South by: Road; **SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY**-328 Sq.feet, undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property (proportionate to the Schedule C Property. **SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY**-Residential Apartment bearing No.402 in the Fourth Floor, Block-B, in Wing-D, admeasuring a super built area of 1224 Square Feet, consisting of 2 Bedrooms, in the Multistoried Residential Apartment Building Known as "SRI KRISHNA EXCEL STONE", constructed over the Schedule "A" Property Inclusive of proportionate share in the common area such as passage, lobbies, lift, staircase and other areas of common area, (including half portion in depth of the joints between the Ceiling of the Apartment and floors of the apartment above it, internal and external walls between such levels) and the building is of RCC roofing as per specification appended hereto with separate electricity, common water and sanitation, including all rights, title, interest, privileges, appurtenances, together with a covered car parking space slot to be earmarked and the apartment is bounded on: East by: Corridor, West by: Open to sky: North by: Open to sky: South by: Corridor.
Reserve Price: Rs.50,35,000/- **EMD: Rs.5,04,000/-**

(8) Name & Address of the Borrower: Mr. Kunigal Govindasetty Swamy & Mrs. B N Leelavathi, S/o. Mr. Kunigal Sheshaiah Govindasetty, No.2440, Housing Board Colony, Kunigal , K.R.S. Agrahara, Tumkur Road, Kunigal- 572130.
Demand Notice: 02-11-2018 **Possession Notice: 13-06-2019**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.91,92,604/- (Rupees Ninety One Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Six Hundred and Four Only) as on 02-08-2023 together with further interest and charges thereon with effect from 02-08-2023. (less further payments , if any).
Property details: All that piece and parcel of Residential Converted Land Bearing Sy.No.73/5 measuring 1 Acre 17 Guntas and Residential Converted Land Bearing Sy.No.73/6 measuring 21 Guntas both the properties totally measuring 1 Acre 38 Guntas, (converted vide Official Memorandum dated 6/7/2013, bearing No.ALN(EVH)SR/443/2012-13, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District Bangalore), Presently Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No.359/73/5/73/6/17, situated at Balagere Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. Bangalore and bounded as: East by: Remaining portion of Sy.No.73/5 and 73/6; West by: Remaining portion of Sy.No.73/5 and 73/6; North by: Land bearing Sy.No.73/4; South by : Road; **SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY**-314 Sq.feet, undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule-'A' Property (proportionate to the Schedule-C Property. **SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY**- Residential Apartment bearing No.412 in the Fourth Floor, Block-B, in Wing-C, admeasuring a super built area of 1172 Square Feet, consisting of 2 Bedrooms, in the Multistoried Residential Apartment Building Known as "SRI KRISHNA EXCEL STONE", constructed over the Schedule "A" Property Inclusive of proportionate share in the common area such as passage, lobbies, lift, staircase and other areas of common area, (including half portion in depth of the joints between the Ceiling of the Apartment and floors of the apartment above it, internal and external walls between such levels) and the building is of RCC roofing as per specification appended hereto with separate electricity, common water and sanitation, including all rights, title, interest, privileges, appurtenances, together with a covered car parking space slot to be earmarked.
Reserve Price: Rs.51,70,000/- **EMD: Rs.5,17,000/-**

(9) Name & Address of the Borrower: Mr. Dilip Kumar Acharya & Mrs. Smitarani Satapathy #05/7, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Neat Sakshi Mansion, Gopal Reddy Layout, Dodda Banaswadi, Vaddara Palya, Bangalore-560043.
Demand Notice: 05-09-2022 **Possession Notice: 12-10-2023**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.95,99,384/- (Rupees Ninety Five Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Four Only) as on 10-10-2023 together with further interest and charges thereon with effect from 10-10-2023. (less further payments , if any).
Property details: Schedule 'A' Property: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Converted land bearing SY No 13/2A, measuring 02 Acres, [converted as per the Official Memorandum bearing No ALN (EKHW) SR: 64/2012-13 dated 15/09/2012 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore] BBMP Khatha No 1093/74 situated at Hagadur Village, Krishnarajpura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and bounded on the: East by : Land bearing Sy No 14; West by: Road and Land in Sy No. 13/2A; North by: Land bearing Sy No. 13/2B; South by: Land bearing Sy No. 13/1; Schedule 'B' Property: 469 Square Feet, in an undivided state, in the land described in Schedule 'A'Property above, together with corresponding right, title, interest and ownership. Schedule 'C' Property: Residential Apartment bearing No. 342, having super built up area of 1480 Sq. ft in the Third Floor, inclusive of proportionate share of common areas of along with one car parking space in the Basement floor of the Apartment building known as "SOWPARNIKA SANVI PHASE-II" together with the right to use passages, lobbys, lifts, stair case and other areas of common use. All the floors and ceilings between apartments as also walls between adjoining apartments shall be owned jointly and equally by the adjoining apartment owners. The apartment constructed with RCC roofing, Vitrified Flooring, Main Door teak wood frame, other internal doors are flesh doors, aluminum windows.
Reserve Price: Rs.82,65,000/- **EMD: Rs.8,27,000/-**

(10) Name & Address of the Borrower: Mr. Siddappa & Mrs. Sujathaa No. 108, BEL Colony, Behind Ganesh Temple, Jalahalli, Bengaluru-560013.
Demand Notice: 12-06-2023 **Possession Notice: 07-09-2023**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.25,65,857/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Seven Only) as on 10-05-2023 together with further interest and charges thereon with effect from 10-05-2023. (less further payments , if any).
Property details: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 14, known as Nanjundeshwara Nagara C Block, formed in Sy No. 53, Khata No. 463(old), 463/14(New) and vajarahalli village, Panchayat Khata No ID: 150300701900802452 situated at Mallapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring East to West: 40-0 feet and North to South: 30-0 feet and bounded as follows. East by: Road, West by: Site No. 12, North by: Road, South by: Site No. 13.
Reserve Price: Rs.27,60,000/- **EMD: Rs.2,76,000/-**

(11) Name & Address of the Borrower: Mr. Thamburaj Richard Issac, Mr. Balraj Richard & Mr. Prashant Banerjee, No: 7-E, 12th Cross, (Opp. To old post office) Jaya Mahal Extension, Benson Town, Bangalore North-560046
Demand Notice: 12-04-2023 **Possession Notice: 15/09/2023**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.7,55,189.75 (Rupees Seven Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Nine and Paise Seventy Five only) as on 12-04-2023 together with further interest and charges thereon with effect from 12-04-2023. (less further payments , if any).
Property details: All that piece and parcel of the Site bearing No. 84B, Katha No: 3618/B – 84B, measuring East to West 50 feet, North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1500 Sqft, forming part of Sy.no. 316/1, formed in the residential layout known as "NOVEL ECHO" and formed in the Sy.No.85/3, Sy.No.317/2d, Sy.No.314/2, Sy.No.85/2, Sy.No.314/3, Sy.No.314/4, Sy.No.315/1, Sy.No.315/3, Sy.No.315/2, Sy.No.317/2E, Sy.No.317/2E, Sy.No.317/1B, Sy.No.316/1 situated at Madiwala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore Urban District Bangalore same has been duly converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide order A.L.N (A) (K and A) S.R: 118, 119,120 & 121/2005-06, AND BMRDA has issued the permission letter dated 24.03.2008, vide No.BMRDA/LAO/CR-02/2006-07, and bounded on; East by: Private Property West by: 30 Feet Wide Road North by:Plot No.84A South by: Plot No.84C:
Reserve Price: Rs.27,60,000/- **EMD: Rs.2,76,000/-**

(12) Name & Address of the Borrower: Mrs.Rashmi Puravankara & Mr Girish Puravanakara Row House No: 27, LGCL Bamboo Forest, Sy No: 138/1 &139, Rayasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal, Bengaluru-560099 also at Villa No: 62-C, LGCL ASHLAR 52 Choodasandra, Kasavanahalli Main Road, Electronic City Post, Bengaluru-560099
Demand Notice: 21-01-2023 **Possession Notice: 07-12-2023**
Outstanding Amount: Rs. 2,44,35,059/- (Rupees Two Crore Forty Four Lakh Thirty Five Thousand and Fifty Nine Only) as on 15-01-2024 together with further interest and charges thereon with effect from 15-01-2024. (less further payments , if any).
Property details: Schedule-A(Description of the entire property) All that piece and parcel of residentially converted lands bearing survey No. 138/1 (portion of old survey No.91), measuring 20 guntas and survey No.139 (old survey No.91), measuring 1 acre 20 guntas, now bearing Property No. 79/138/139 (as per Grama Panchayath Records), Property Unique No. 150200100500300085, issued by Shanthipura Grama Panchayath, Anekal Taluk, situated at Rayasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring in total 2 acres converted for non-agricultural/industrial use, vide Official Memorandum dated 25-01-2010, in No.ALN(A)(S)SR:327/09-10, change of land use from industrial use to residential use vide Order dated 15-04-2010, in No.201/109-10/153/10-11, issued by the Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority, vide No.NA.MA/Aa.SA/Aa.Aa.3/54/2010-11, dated 28-09-2010, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by: Government Road and remaining portion of Survey No.139. West by: Remaining portion of Survey No.138 belonging to Gowramma and Survey No.7 of Naganathapura Village belonging to Krishnareddy. North by: Gomal Lands and portion of survey No. 139. South by: Rayasandra Road Schedule -'B' (Description of the property hereby conveyed) Item No.1-All that piece and parcel of portion of the Schedule 'A' Property beneath the row house more fully mentioned and described in the Schedule 'C' here below and measuring in total 1208 square feet. Item No.2-All that piece and parcel of 3.06% undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property forming part of the club house, common area and facilities. Schedule -'C' (Description of the Row House being constructed on the Schedule 'B' Property) Row house bearing No.27 being constructed on the portion of the Schedule 'A' Property (demarked in the Annexed Plan) having a super built-up area of 2537 square feet, with marble flooring, including one half part between the external walls abutting the adjoining row houses and further a Terrace area of 442 square feet forming part of the project named as "LGCL Bamboo Forest", along with exclusive right to use and enjoy the open area in the front and rear of the row house measuring 57 square feet and 140 square feet respectively, along with one open car parking space and the row house bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Row house No.23, North by: Row house No.26, South by: Row house No.28.
Reserve Price: Rs.2,10,80,000/- **EMD: Rs.21,08,000/-**
Minimum Bid increment: Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only)

(13) Name & Address of the Borrowers: Ms. Jecyntha and Mr. Nirmalin Vasanth G No 23, Flat no:301,2nd Floor, Vensa Lake View Apt,Ward No.06, Dasarahalli Village, Yelahanka,Bangalore-560024.
Demand Notice: 16.07.2021 **Possession Notice: 06.01.2022**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.71,46,086/- (Rupees Seventy one Lakh Forty six thousand and Eighty Six Only) as on 02-01-2023 + Applicable interest and thereon w.e.f.02-01-2023 plus Incidental Expenses, Charges and costs (less further Payments, if any).
Property details: SCHEDULE 'A'PROPERTY [Entire Property] All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Corporation No.23/58/1, 58/7, 58/8 and 58/9, situated at Dasarahalli, Bangalore, Ward No.6, comprised in the composite converted Sy. Nos.58/1, 58/7, 58/8 and 58/9 of Dasarahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, totally measuring 17,152 Sq.Ft. and bounded on as follows: East by : Land bearing Sy.No.59 & 61; West by : Road and thereafter remaining portion of the land in Sy.No.58/1,7,8 and 9; North by: Remaining portion of Sy. No.60; South by : Road and thereafter remaining portion of Sy.No.58/1. **SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY** (Undivided right in the land in Schedule A Property which is the subject matter of this Agreement of Sale) All that piece and parcel of 359.442 sq.ft., undivided right, title and interest over the land in Schedule A Property Conveyed to the Purchaser herein. **SCHEDULE 'C'PROPERTY** (Residential Apartment which is the subject matter of this Agreement of Sale) All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat bearing No.301 on the SECOND FLOOR in apartment building known as "VENSA LAKEVIEW" being constructed over Schedule "A" Property with a Super Built Area of 1,269 square feet consisting of TWO Bedroom, One Hall, Dining Hall, Kitchen, Two Bathroom, Balcony and flooring with Tiles, Water, Electricity and Sanitary facilities with one Reserved Car Parking space in the Stilt Floor. East by : Open to Sky, West by : Corridor, North by : Corridor & Open to sky, South by : Open to sky.
Reserve Price: Rs.70,20,000/- **EMD: Rs.7,02,000/-**

(14) Shri. Ghatage Chetan and Smt. Komal V Jadhav, Flat No.S8, Second Floor, of the "SHIVAGANGA TEMPLE VIEW" Apartment, Site No. 77,78,79 and 80, Old Khatha No. 52/1, BBMP Khata Old No.443/77, 78, 445/80 and 444/79, New No. 445/80, situated at Vasanthapura Village, Uttarahalli, Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Ward NO. 197.
Demand Notice: 20-07-2021 **Possession Notice: 12-10-2023**
Loan Outstanding Amount: Rs.40,88.971/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Nine hundred Seventy One only) due as on 10.06.2021 together with further interest and charges thereon with effect from 11-06-2021 plus Incidental Expenses, Charges and costs (less further Payments, if any).
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: SCHEDULE 'A': All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 77,78,79 and 80, Old Khatha No. 52/1, Old BBMP Khata NO. 443/77, 78, 445/80 and 444/79, Present BBMP Khata NO. 445/80, situated at Vasanthapura Village, Uttarahalli, Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Ward NO. 197, measuring East to West: on the Northern Side: 88-0 feet, on the Southern Side: 103-0 feet and North to South: 160-0 feet and bounded: East by-Road, West by -Iscon Property, North by-Site NO. 81, South by : Site NO. 76. **SCHEDULE 'B':** All that piece of Residential Apartment bearing Flat NO. S8 (2BHK) in 2nd floor, " Shivaganga Temple View Apartment" measuring 1100 sq. ft of super built up area over the Schedule "A" property consisting of 2 Bed Rooms, hall, kitchen, attached Bathrooms cum Toilet, along with 1 covered car parking slot in stilt/basement floor and all other facilities, bounded on East by-Cut out & thereafter lift, West by-Iscon Property, North by- Flat No.S9, South by - Flat NO. S7 **SCHEDULE 'C'** Undivided right, title and interest in the schedule "A" property equivalent to 262 sq ft.
Reserve Price: Rs. 52,96,000/- **EMD: Rs.5,30,000/-**

(15) Mr.Jayaprathap Ramamurthy and Mrs.Hamsa N No.314, 2nd Main, 2nd C Cross, Near CMR college OBMR layout, Chikkabanasawadi, Bangalore North – 5600034.
Demand Notice: 06-02-2023 **Possession Notice: 07-12-2023**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.33,89,872.90 (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Two and Paisa Ninety Only) as on 09.02.2024 together with further interest and charges thereon with effect from 10-02-2024. (less further payments , if any).
Details of Property Mortgaged: Schedule 'A' Property All that piece and parcel of the property bearing H.Gollahalli Gram Panchayath No.150200302600220038, (fanned in Sy.No.28/1) admeasuring 3 Acres and 8 Guntas out of 4

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THE potential of the India Story rests squarely on realising the demographic dividend. India is currently home to a population of over 143 crore or over 1.4 billion. It is estimated that over 68 of the population, that is over 950 million, fall in the working age cohort of 15 to 64. Indeed, India contributes more people to the growth in global working-age population than any other country. Demography is not destiny and realisation of the potential depends on fruitful employment for around 8 million who join the workforce every year.

The question is whether India is creating enough jobs. The answer depends on who is telling the story. American theorist W Edwards Deming once observed that someone without data is just another person with an opinion. Deming, who helped the US government design population-scale sampling for census and labour statistics, may not have countenanced that data can morph into opinion. Yet, India's fragmented data landscape has triggered a babel of competing opinions.

Last Friday, a transnational bank published a research report on the economy. The report observed that India would need to grow faster than 7 percent to create enough jobs for the young population and presented several 'motherhood and apple pie' suggestions. Unemployment and inflation represent the raw nerve of public mood and topped the list of concerns in the opinion polls fuelling rhetoric in #Elections2024. Unsurprisingly, the Congress unleashed a tweet fusillade as MP Jairam Ramesh leveraged the report, adding combustibles from the campaign.

On Monday, the BJP-led NDA government stepped in with its narrative to rebut the report and allegations from the Congress and other opposition parties. The Reserve Bank of India published the India KLEMS 2024 data on its website. The KLEMS database, which draws on multiple government sources, shows India added 46.7 million jobs in 2023-24. This is a huge jump from the 19.1 million created in 2022-23 and 11.9 million in 2021-22.

The data seems at odds with the rage and rhetoric witnessed in the electoral arena. The surge in the number of jobs created has left many experts baffled about alignment with other reports. Earlier this month, the NSS released the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises 2022-23, which, when compared with ASUSE 2015-16, reveals a drop of over 5.4 million manufacturing jobs and in the total number of jobs in the unincorporated sector.

The surge shown by the KLEMS database raises questions for which answers are awaited. For instance, if there has been a rise in the number of jobs, why is private consumption scraping at 4 percent even as the GDP grew at 8-plus percent? Arguably, inflation affected consumption—which begs the question on the income strata and sectors where these jobs were created. The data is marked provisional and doesn't offer a sectoral break-up for the new jobs.

Even as economists analysed the data, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge tweeted to call out the government citing survey reports of the NSS, Azim Premji University, ILO, IIM Lucknow and CMIE on unemployment. Reports from Bharuch in Gujarat about a stampede as 1,800 youngsters queued up for 10 posts in a company—which rekindled scenes witnessed in Lucknow, where 48 lakh persons applied for 60,000 jobs—added fuel to the fire. Meanwhile, India Inc urged the government to focus on skills and jobs.

The jaw-jaw on jobs and cacophony of claims represent the gap in data collection, analysis and communication. While the bulk of the workforce is either dependent on agriculture or describes itself as self-employed, there is no disputing the diversified multi-sector engagement of labour. Must the government's credibility and critical insights on the economy rest on incomplete data?

The economy is propelled by four factors—labour, land, capital and technology. The government, as per its reports, has ramped up capex from ₹5.6 lakh crore in 2014-15 to ₹18.6 lakh crore in 2023-24. It has built 74 airports, added 30 km of roads every day, added 18 km of rail lines a day, and ramped up power generation capacity by over 180 GW. Surely every kilometre of road built or megawatt of power added results in economic activity demanding the availability of personnel?

Every company registered with the department of company affairs files annual returns—at least it is obliged to. Surely they share information on employees? The GST portal has data on returns filed across states down to the enterprise level. How difficult is it to compute how many jobs were created directly and indirectly across these sectors? Why not ask the departments and ministries to file annual reports on employment generated?

Economic activity in India is largely digitalised and it is globally lauded for its digital infrastructure. Why not call a grand challenge to derive the insights necessary to propel growth? India's techies, who enable the digitalisation of global enterprises, can surely script the algorithm to triangulate data on imports, exports, output, consumption, services and the gig economy to draw the contours of employment.

India is the fastest growing large economy. Must the credibility of its data be stranded between claims and counter-claims? A nation aspiring to touch the $10-trillion GDP mark to emerge as an advanced economy can surely do better.

UNHEEDED PRIORITIES OF CLIMATE ACTION

OPINION

NITIN DESAI

Chairman, TERI, and former UN Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs

THE rising accumulation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is threatening a potentially catastrophic change in the living and working conditions of humanity. The greenhouse gas layer hovers over all countries in the world. Controlling the addition of carbon dioxide, methane and other greenhouse gases into the layer requires cooperation at the global level and a fair distribution of mitigation actions.

At present, what we have is the Paris agreement in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, where all countries have accepted an obligation to formulate a voluntary national plan for helping to contain the potential global temperature increase to 1.5-2°C. Hence the need for us to formulate a national climate management strategy.

The Union government has addressed this issue and made promises about energy transition away from fossil fuels, energy efficiency and carbon absorption through forest development. It has also set a target of net-zero carbon emission by 2070. The range of actions required for this is vast. Let me focus on three areas that are crucial for climate mitigation and adaptation—energy, agriculture and human settlements.

The first and most crucial area is climate and energy, which requires a transition away from fossil fuels. The energy transition in electricity production is well underway in India with the growing role of renewable energy. But a supply-side emphasis is not enough, and we need to act to reduce direct fossil fuel use. An important dimension of this is reflected in the promotion and rising popularity of electric vehicles. But more needs to be done—for instance, in designing buildings with insulation to reduce energy-based cooling requirements.

We are going to be heavily dependent on private sector renewable energy-based power supply, often from decentralised sources, distributed unevenly through the country. A crucial challenge for the growth of such an electricity system is not just technologies like low-cost battery storage, but the institutional barriers to an efficient market for electricity. One such barrier is the poor financial health of the distribution companies or DISCOMs. The real need now is for a sharp focus on the institutional reforms needed for DISCOM recovery, market-based electricity pricing, a hierarchic transmission and distribution system that accommodates supply-demand balancing at multiple levels from the local to the national. This requires an effective dialogue and cooperation between the Union and state governments.

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Energy policy also must recognise the fact that in India a large number of coal mine employees are concentrated in a few areas where alternative options for employment are not readily available This leads to strong political opposition to too rapid a phasing out of coal. A credible plan for stranded assets and alternatives for lost jobs in coal mining regions is necessary. This must become an important element in the national climate strategy.

An area which needs more vigorous attention is the decarbonisation in industry, particularly steel and cement. This will require substantial technological change which could be acquired from abroad, but which also needs some domestic development. Apart from what needs to be done within the industry, there are some broader areas which are likely to be crucial, particularly for net-zero goals for industry. One example is green hydrogen development, now actively pursued by some corporations and promoted by the Union government. But another area that needs more initiatives than it is receiving at present is carbon capture and storage/use, which has to be used in industries like cement, where zero carbon emission is impossible.

Climate and agriculture is an area that needs more attention than it is receiving at present. The issue here is not just mitigation of carbon emissions. A far more important challenge is the need for adaptation and resilience that will be required because of the impact of unavoidable temperature rise, even if the world community manages to restrict the rise to 1.5-2°C, greater uncertainty about water flows and more extreme climate events.

On agriculture and energy use, a major constraint in moving farmers towards the use of solar electricity for pumping is the fact that in several states, they have access to free grid electricity, and in others, their charges are subsidised. The way ahead is to see farm-level solar electricity in agricultural areas not just as a substitute for grid-based electricity, but as an investment that will give returns from the sale of solar power to the grid and a design of the grid to include the capacity to receive the surplus power produced in rural fields. The other area of emission concern is fertiliser use, where less-energy-intensive alternatives—particularly if transport costs are taken into account—like nano fertilisers can contribute to carbon mitigation.

A more important area for climate and agriculture is the fact that agriculture and related activities will be most deeply affected by the rise in temperature, substantial shifts in the timing and availability of water, and the rising threat of adverse climate events like more rain on fewer days. For this reason, the climate programme for food, land and water should combine an emphasis on mitigation with programmes to improve adaptation and improve resilience. An example could be promoting research on crop varieties and cropping methods that reduce carbon emissions by economising on fertilisers and electricity use, but also are adapted to higher temperatures and with productivity that is resilient in the face of adverse weather event.

Climate and human settlements is another area crucial area, particularly for adapting to climate change is urban development. Designing cities to reduce travel requirements and providing more public transport is important for mitigation. But cities must also be designed to cope with higher temperatures, weather uncertainties and sea level rise. Hence here, too, the need is to promote integrated design standards, particularly for cities in ecologically fragile areas like coasts or mountains. The norms for buildings that will last for decades must be set now to take into account these likely changes in climatic conditions. Another dimension that needs to be addressed is increasing the greenery in towns and cities as that will moderate to some extent the impact of higher temperature.

Effective climate management of agriculture and human settlements is so specific to local conditions that constructive and effective engagement of panchayats and municipal organisations is essential.

The climate challenge will not be met unless the required mitigation, adaptation and resilience actions are not fully integrated into the design and implementation of development policy at the central, state and local authority levels, and if it is not built into the motivations of corporations and households.

(Views are personal)

GROWING SISTERHOOD OF INDIAN CINEMA

OPINION

NAMRATA JOSHI

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AS I write this piece, Christo Tomy's Malayalam film *Ullozhukku* (Undercurrent) is riding a rightful wave of appreciation. It's about two flawed but wonderful women—Leelamma and her daughter-in-law Anju—who confront the secrets and betrayals underlying their relationship and rise above them to find strength and support in each other, the film is an unusual exploration of female solidarity in adversity. Two powerful actors—Urvashi and Parvathy Thiruvothu—are in perfect sync in portraying their characters' fractious fondness for each other.

Earlier this year, Shuchi Talati's *Girls Will Be Girls* showcased Mira and her mother Anila braving their stormy relationship to discover that they are each other's greatest allies. Preeti Panigrahi and Kani Kusruti pin down the tumult and the tenderness of a complicated mother-daughter bond to perfection.

Female fellowship seems to be the theme *de rigueur* in Indian cinema this year. Be it Rajesh A Krishnan's easy-breezy *Crew*, with Tabu, Kareena Kapoor and Kriti Sanon as flight attendants resorting to desperate measures as their airline faces bankruptcy. Or Payal Kapadia's *All We Imagine As Light*, that casts a deeply empathetic look at the friendship that brings together three widely different migrant working women in Mumbai—Prabha (Kani Kusruti), Anu (Divya Prabha) and Parvati (Chhaya Kadam). "It is about accepting each other, despite one's differences," Payal said, "A lot of times, female friendships are marred by the internalised patriarchy that pits us against each other. It has nothing to do with us, but we are conditioned to feel a certain way about somebody else's way of life."

Sandhya Suri's *Santosh* is about the newly-widowed Santosh (Shahana Goswami) who lands her deceased husband's police job under the dependent quota scheme. She finds a mentor in her senior, inspector Sharma (Sunita Rajwar), despite being ideologically at odds with her. Konstantin Bojanov's *The Shameless* is centred on her character Renuka's forbidden love for Devika (Omara).

About two lost brides on a journey to finding themselves, Kiran Rao's *Laapataa Ladies* has women talking—about abusive husbands, living alone, need for education over domesticity, forgetting their own favourite dishes while cooking to please men—inspiring each other and building sororities through these much-needed conversations.

The *Mirror* segment directed by Konkona Sen Sharma in last year's *Lust Stories 2*, about Ishita (Tillotama Shome) and her help Seema (Amruta Subhash), wasn't just about a female friendship that cuts across class differences, but also about women's shared experiences of urban loneliness and repression.

Creating space for themselves among predominantly male-dominated pan-Indian cinema, these small but consequential sisterhood stories are more long-distance runners than bro-code winners.

Female fellowship is the theme *de rigueur* of Indian cinema this year. These small but consequential sisterhood stories are long-distance runners. The solidarities are going beyond the screen, too

Female solidarities are going beyond the screen itself. Things are shifting shape behind the scenes as well. A bunch of sensitive, intelligent women film professionals are creating niches for themselves and enabling others to do the kind of work they'd want to do to help create a pool of compelling stories—many of them by, of and for women.

You could call it the power of positivity. Even while outraging about films glorifying toxic masculinity, it's about joining forces to build counter-narratives and alternatives. It's about chipping away at things and being clutter-breakers.

Take Richa Chadha and Ali Fazal's Pushing Buttons Studios that, after starting auspiciously with *Girls Will Be Girls*, aims at living up to its name in backing diverse projects, groundbreaking storytelling and emerging talents.

This female force is also walking the talk on creating safe spaces for women in the aftermath of the me-too movement. Kani Kusruti spoke about how there was no chaos in the workspaces of the female filmmakers she has worked with: "Everyone was calmer, gentler. It felt very democratic and collaborative... I feel more comfortable in an environment with an equal representation of women."

The optics of it are heartwarming as well. Like the sight of Team *AWIAL* dancing on the Cannes red carpet. Kani appreciating Anasuya and Anasuya heaping praises on Kani. Whether it's Parvathy for *Undercurrent* or Annaben for *Adamant Girl*, there's something very affirming to see them being cheered on by their women peers. Then there are those like icon Zeenat Aman, who is expanding the feminine/feminist debate through her lucid anecdotes and profound perspectives on Instagram.

It's a collective celebration of mutual respect and admiration. It's not a competitive but cooperative model. And it certainly puts to rest the old saying that women are women's worst enemies. They are soul sisters.

QUOTE CORNER

Realistically, think about who these 4,000 [Democratic delegates] are. They're all very loyal Biden people. So this would require Biden dropping out. Secondly, because [Kamala Harris] has been vice president, my guess is she's actually met a lot of these people. That's not the case for anybody else.

Elaine Kamarck, senior fellow at Brookings Institution, on why Kamala Harris is the only viable alternative to Joe Biden as the Democratic presidential nominee

An officer cannot be allowed to selectively choose material implicating the person to be arrested. They have to equally apply their mind to other material which exculpates the arrestee.

Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta, Supreme Court justices, while considering the legality Arvind Kejriwal's arrest on March 21

We are undergoing a very important renovation or reinvention of this team. I have only coached this team for eight matches and this is a process that we have to go through.

Dorival Jr, coach of Brazil's national football team, taking responsibility for the team's poor showing and quarter-final exit in Copa America

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Memorialising tragedy

The Centre's decision to 'commemorate' June 25, the day Emergency was imposed in 1975, as Samvidhan Hatya Divas is surprising. A commemoration is normally observed in respect of good things or persons and memorable achievements in history. Commemorating an unfortunate incident is a mark of negativity aimed at deriving cheap political mileage, which no responsible government should attempt.

Sudhakar Cherukunnu, Kannur

Positive turn

I suggest that June 25 be called Samvidhan Suraksha Divas. The word '*hatya*' is crude and uncivilised. I am 81 and remember the Emergency days when I lived in a state of depression. Those days, my solace was the *Indian Express* which is truly a mission, not just a newspaper. I knew the world of slavish journalism those days, too.

Ramakrishna Bhogadi, Bengaluru

Respect opponents

Ref: *Spare Smriti of trolls, don't be nasty: Rahul* (Jul 13). Forgiveness is a virtue of the brave. It is heartening that Rahul Gandhi is following the path. Personal vitriolic attacks on opponents through social media is now a new norm that must be curbed. A democracy is vibrant when political rivals respect each other and work in tandem for the betterment of society. Smriti Irani must also realise that success has many fathers, but failure is an orphan.

Biju C Mathew, Thonnakkal

House decorum

Rahul Gandhi's appeal to the public to refrain from derogatory and nasty remarks towards Smriti Irani is really surprising. Rahul has shown maturity by being magnanimous towards his political rival. If he and his fellow party men show the same attitude in the House too, it will be really praiseworthy.

Suryanarayana Murty Peri, Bhawanipatna

Vizhinjam contribution

Ref: *Kerala's nautical dreams take giant leap* (Jul 23). The Vizhinjam seaport is a brainchild of the late Oommen Chandy, the former chief minister of Kerala. Current CM Pinarayi Vijayan, while inaugurating the trial run of the port, did not mention anything about Chandy's efforts. This was an act of ingratitude towards the departed leader.

N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

Teaching teachers

We Indians claim we are hardworking. But I must exclude a specific category of Indians—most bureaucrats and teachers. Every time the government comes up with punctuality requirements, these workers go on a strike. The latest being the teachers in UP government schools. Teachers are supposed to be beacons of knowledge, virtue and integrity, and they seem to have a problem in going to schools on time and ensuring maximum attendance. How will they teach the children to be good citizens?

Gundu C K Maniam, Chennai

Douse controversy

Ref: *NEET counselling from July third week* (Jul 13). The controversy surrounding one of the largest exams of the country ought to be doused. The National Testing Agency has only dropped the ball, leaving students in the lurch. The students are already academically stressed and such uncertainty over their future only adds to their woes. Not to mention, this also raises eyebrows over the conduct of CUET examinations, whose results are delayed.

Aanya Singhal, Noida

Cat fight

Ref: *'Tiger states' report maximum big cat mortalities in first half of 2024* (Jul 12). It is disheartening to note the rise in tiger mortalities in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka. Early identification of problematic tigers and their relocation, GPS-based tracking, training to forest officials and educating the locals on tiger conservation, reducing poaching, managing wetlands, increasing forest cover in the reserves, and integrating indigenous knowledge systems for conservation practices could reduce such tragedies.

Gana Shruthy, Hulsoor

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, BENGLURU
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560 001

CORRIGENDUM
RC 155/2023 OA 1188/2019
Karnataka Bank Ltd., V/s. M/s. IBIT Technologies Pvt Ltd.,

Reference to Demand notice **RC No. 155/2023** pertaining to A/c. **M/s. IBIT Technologies Pvt Ltd.**, published in Indian Express dated **28.03.2024** Read the Sl. No. 4 as follows **"You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, for further proceedings"** Sd/- Recovery Office
Debts Recovery Tribunal -2

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YASHASWINI MAHILA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE LTD
No. 107, Pipeline Road, T.Dasarahalli, Bengaluru – 560057

POSSESSION NOTICE: APPENDIX IV [RULE 8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY MORTGAGED TO YASHASWINI MAHILA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE LTD.

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Yashaswini Mahila Souharda Credit Co-operative Ltd,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 07/05/2024 calling upon the borrower mentioned herein below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under **Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **12th day of July of the year 2024.**

The borrower and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of YASHASWINI MAHILA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE LTD, for an amount mentioned below and interest thereon.

You are further requested to note that as per Section 13(13) of The **SARFAESI ACT,** 2002 you are RESTRAINED/PROHIBITED from disposing of or dealing with the Secured Asset, without prior written consent of YASHASWINI MAHILA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE LTD.,

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DETAILS OF THE LOAN ACCOUNT

Name of the Borrower: **(1) Smt. Lavanya P** and **(2) Sri. Karthik V** Date of Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act 2002: 07/05/2024, Amount in Demand Notice: Rs. 22,25,036/-(Rupees Twenty two Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Thirty Six Only) further interest thereon with effect from 08.05.2024at the contractual rates on the aforesaid amount, incidental Expenses, Costs, Charges, ETC. Incurred and accruing thereon on daily basis.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All Piece and Parcel of Western Portion of House Property Vide Registered Gift Deed Dated: 15.02.2023, Site No.1, Katha No.198 Formed in Survey No.3/4, Situated at Dasarahalli Village, Yeshawanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Formerly Dasarahalli Nagarasabhe Limits Ward No.10, Now Comes Under the Limits of B B M P Ward No.13, Bangalore, Measuring East to West: **20-00ft,** North to South: **30-00ft,** Totally Measuring 600sq ft and Bounded on: **East by :** Remaining Eastern Portion of Same House Property Bearing Site No.1, **West by :** Other's Property, **North by :** Road and **South by :** Site No.2.

Sd/-
Date : 12.07.2024 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Yashaswini Mahila Souharda Credit Co-operative Ltd.**

Debts Recovery Tribunal - II, Bengaluru, 4th Floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru 560001.

R.P.No. 135/2010 in DRC No.6214.
Dated: 19-11-2010

1. Mr. Ravindranath Acharya N S/o Dr. Late N.R.Acharya, Residing at 101 / A 4th A Cross 11th Main, 4th c block. Koramangala, Bangalore - 34.
2. Mrs. Nanda Ravi W/O Mr. Ravindranath Acharya, Residing at No.101/A, 4th A Cross 11th Main, 4th C Block Koramangala, Bangalore - 34.
3. Mr. H.Ramakrishna Alva S/o H.Raghurama Alva 731, 5th Cross, 8th B Main IV Block, Koramangala Bangalore-560034. **...Defendant/Certified Debtors**

Subject: DRC No. 6214 in OA No.503/2009 in the matter of Vijaya Bank, Shanthinagar Branch, KH Road, Bangalore - 27 Vs. Mr. Ravindranath Acharya N and Two others.

Whereas a Debts Recovery Certificate has been forwarded by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debt Recovery Tribunal, Karnataka, Bangalore vide DRC No.6214 dated 15/12/2009 under the sub section (22) of Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 (Act 51 of 1993) hereinafter referred to as the Act. Rs.27,85,832/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Two Only) the details of which are given below is to be recovered from you jointly nd severally.

2. You the defendants are hereby directed to pay the above said sum, within 15 days from the date of receipt of this notice, to the applicant bank, under intimation to the undersigned, falling which recovery shall be effected In accordance with the provisions of Section 25 and other relevant provisions of the Act.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 25 and other relevant provisions of the Act.

3. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you shall be liable, for payment of:

(a) Such interests as is payable in accordance with the provisions of the Said Act of 1993 for the period from the date of order of the Tribunal till the date of realization of the debt in full; and

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred for the service of this notice and other processes and warrants and all other proceedings for the realization of the debt in full.

1. AMOUNT OF DRC

Sl. No	Item	Amount (In rupees)
1	Amount Determined	26,17,437.00
2	Interest 10.50% p.a. compounded quarterly from 24/7/2009 to 15/12/2009	1,08,890.00

2. SCHEDULE OF COSTS

Sl. No	Items of Costs	Amount Rs. P
1	O.A. Fees paid to Drt	32,005
2	Advocate's fee	24,000
3	Other charges	3,500

3. TOTAL (1+2) 27,85,832

(A K SINGH)
RECOVERY OFFICER II

Copy to: The Chief Manager, Vijaya Bank, Shanthinagar Branch, KH Road, Bangalore-27, with the request that, the details of payment made, if any. by the defendant(s) may please be intimated to the Recovery Officer Immediately. He is also directed to appear before the undersigned with the aforesaid details on 23/12/10 at 11.30 AM and apprise the Tribunal for further action taken by them subsequent to the issue of demand notice. If any, mortgaged property is available, and then the latest Encumbrance Certificate and the valuation report of the property should be sent/informed to the Recovery Officer immediately. He should contact the Recovery Officer about the further action to be taken in the matter (such as attachment of property etc.) after 15 days from the date of issue of this demand notice.

Note: Always quote the RP.No. in all future correspondence

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client intends to purchase below Schedule Apartment from its current owners **Mr. D.SREESHA, son of Sri D.RAMACHANDRA and his wife Mrs. C.P. CHAITRA-**

SCHEDULE APARTMENT

All that Residential Apartment No. 7 having BBMP ID # 49-7-2/7 on the 3rd floor (Western Side) of the Apartment Complex **"Tulabhara"** built on plot No. 2, (old No. 110/118/2) **Gavipuram-Guttahalli Main Road, Kempegowda Nagar, Bangalore** Having a super-built area of **950 sq. ft.** along with a **Car-Park** in the stilt floor, and holding undivided share of **412.5 sq. ft. (out of 3,300 sq. ft.)** in the said plot no.2, (old no.110/118/2) and bounded on : **East by: Lift and Apartment no. 8 on Third floor of Tulabhara, West by: Open space over Plot #3 of Sumitra Bai and Gavipuram Guttahalli Main Road, North by: Open Space over plot # 1/1 of UR Jayanth and plot # 1/3 of Vasudev, South by: Open Space over Plot no. 3/1**

Any person having any sort of claim, charge or interest in the said apartment or on the said plot number 2, [old number 110/118/2] of **Gavipuram Guttahalli Main Road, Kempegowda, Nagar, Bangalore** may send objections by RPAD, whatsapp and by email along with supporting documents to the undersigned within **14 days** from the date of this notice - failing which it shall be taken that there are no third-party interest, claims or charges over this apartment.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client have entered into an Agreement of Sale to purchase the Schedule Property from its present owner Mrs. RADHA NARAYANAN and her two daughters VINDHYA NARAYANAN and RAMYA NARAYANAN, wife and children of Late V.N. Narayanan (Acquired by Mrs. RADHA NARAYANAN and her husband Mr. V.N. NARAYANAN by a registered Sale Deed Dated 21-10-1993, Registered as Document No.2187/1993-94 of Book-I) and under a un-registered Will Dated 26-03-2014 executed by Late V.N. Narayanan.

Any person/s having or claiming any manner of right, title, claim lien or interest in the Schedule Property may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned along with documentary evidence in support of their claim within 15 days from the date of this publication, failing which, our client will be advised to proceed with the conveyance as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that our client Smt.V.Shwetha is the sole and absolute owner of the schedule property. Original Sale Deed dated 19.01.2005, Registered as Document No.YAN-1-21083/2004-05. executed by Smt.Roopashri, Rep. by her GPA Holder Sri.V.S.Ravishankar in favour of Smt. Padmamma related to schedule property, is lost/misplaced. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged by our client on **23.06.2024** online. Any person finding these documents Shall handover the same to the undersigned within **07** days from this day. If the said documents are misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and he/she/they shall be doing so at their own costs and risks.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site bearing No.15, V.P. Katha No.828, formed in the Converted land bearing Old Sy.No.76, New Sy.No.141, situated at Chikkajala Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West : 30 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet, in total measuring 1200 Square Feet, and is bounded as follows: On the East by:Site bearing No.14, West by :Site bearing No.16, North by :25 Feet Road, South by :Site bearing No. 21.

Sd/- DEEPAK, Advocate, No.20, Padmalaya, 3rd Main Road, Arekempanahalli, 10th Cross, Wilson Gardens, Bangalore-27
Mobile: 9845109194

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the Public that our client Sri. **THOMAS PJ** S/o Mr. P A Joseph, aged about 53 years, Residing at: Flat No. 104, "C" Block Paras Mane Apt. Valgere halli, K.S.Town, Kengeri, Bangalore - 560 059, intends to purchase the below mentioned property from its present owner M/s. UNIVERSAL DEVELOPERS, Represented by its Managing Partner **Sri. K.S.RAGHAVENDRA NAIK,** S/o Late Sri. Singappa Naik, aged about 70 years, GL. H.A Arcade, No.872, 17th E main. 6th Block, Koramangala Bangalore 560 093.

Anyone having any sort of claims or objections relating to the property or proposed sale may lodge the same with the undersigned **within 7 days** from this publication, with supporting documents, failing which the sale transaction shall be completed without any reference to such right, title interest and claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of Residential Converted Site Bearing No. 01, **of "MAGNOLIA GARDEN CITY" cared out** Sy no. 81/9, and the layout plan apporved Greater Bangalore Bidadi Smart City Planing Authority Vide No. GBBSC PA/LAO/05/2019-20 dated 12/09/2023 Situated at Banandur Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and District meauring east to west 12.23+12.19/2 North to South10.58.11.61/2 Mtrs. Totally measuring to as extent of 135.47 Sq. Mtrs. (1458 Sq. Ft) and bounded on.

East by : Plot No.25,.
West by: Road,
North by: Private Property
South by: Plot No. 02.

RAMANATHA. B S.
Advocate and Legal Consultant.
Office at: Arunaa Law Associates,
No.60, 1st Floor, 19th Cross, 100 feet Road, Kengeri Upanagara, Bangalaore- 560 060.
Ph: 6366942465.
E-Mail. b.s.ramanatha@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT our client, is intending to purchase **Site no 21, (Old No.455) PID No 99-10-21,** in Palace Orchards Extension situated at **11th Cross, Sadashivanagara, Bangalore** and Measuring **2360 Square Feet,** from its owners 1.Sri.Balaji Masilamani, 2.Sri.Vinoo Masilamani and 3.Sri.Manu Masilamani, hereinafter referred to as the "Schedule Property" and being more fully described in the Schedule hereunder.

Any person / firm / institution / company / Bank / financial institution having any claim / right / interest over the schedule Property is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within **seven (7) days** from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their claim if any with all supporting documents failing which the transaction shall be completed without reference to such claims and such claims if any in future shall not be binding on my client.

Schedule Property

All the piece and parcel of property bearing **Site No.21, (Old no 455) PID No 99-10-21,** in Palace Orchards Extension situated at **11th Cross, Sadashivanagara,** Bangalore and Measuring East to West 59 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, in totally measuring **2360 Square Feet** together with a building standing thereon and bounded on:

East by : Site bearing No.427,
West by : Road,
North by : Site bearing No.454,
South by : Site bearing No.456,

D&M Law Associates
No.404-A, 4th floor, Queens Corner Apt, Queens Road, Bangalore - 52.
Mobile : - 98867 85913

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I, Mrs. AYIESHA BEGUM, W/o Srl. Syed Amjad Pasha, Aged about 49 years, Residing at No.3, 2nd Floor, Mohammed Ghouse Lane, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051, I am the absolute owner of 500 Square feet of UDS, Apartment portion in the first floor Unit No.3 measuring 1093 square feet and a portion in the second floor Unit No.3-A, measuring 700.43 square feet and balcony measuring 227.7, square feet SBA of 2070.50 square feet, bearing municipal No.8/1, PID No.78-65-8/1, earlier Portion of No.8 (Old No.7), situated at Shaik Nathad Lane, formerly known as Blackpally, Cemetery Road Cross, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore with car parking space in the ground floor, measuring 225.50 square feet.

I have lost the original Sale Deed dated 28.01.2022, vide Reg No.5701/2021-22, Sale Deed dated 21.04.2006 vide reg No. 306/2006-07 and Sale deed dated 05.03.2011 vide reg No. 0019/2011-12 registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore, Lost on during 10.06.2024 to 10.07.2024 at Chamarajpet, Bangalore. And Lodge the Complaint, Lost Report No.1139085/2024 dated 10.07.2024 before the Karnataka State Police, Bangalore City. Therefore any person having found this documents please deliver to me.

Mrs. AYIESHA BEGUM
Mob:8884194806, Date: 13-07-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby brought to the notice of the general public that our clients propose to purchase the immovable properties which are more fully described in the Schedule mentioned below, hereinafter referred to as **"Said Property",** from its owners **Mr. M.K. Gunashekar** and his wife **Smt. S. Pankaja ('Owners'),** both residing at No, 96, Amarjyothi Nagar, Hebbal, Begnaluru 560 032.

Any person/s, other than the Owners, having any right, title, claim and/or interest by way of inheritance, sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, trust, maintenance, license, bequest, agreement, possession, lease, lien, encumbrance or otherwise, in/to the Said Property, should lodge their claim/s with the undersigned, together with complete documentary proof thereof, **within Seven (07) Days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it will be presumed that no person/s other than the Owner, has any right, title, claim and/or interest in/to the Said Property and that our clients are free to acquire the Said Property from the Owners.

SCHEDULE

ITEM No. 1: All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property comprising of Site bearing Municipal No.16, (Portion of Old No.19/16) having PID No.47-54-16, situated at 1st Cross Road, Kalasipalyam New Extension, Bangalore, measuring East to West 35 Feet and North to South 12.2 Feet, in all measuring about 427 Sq. ft, along with a building constructed thereon comprising of Ground and First Floor with a total built up area of about 500 Sq.ft and the site bounded on the: **East by:** 5 Feet Common Passage and thereafter others Property, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Property No. 16/1 belonging to Sri. M.K. Gunashekar (Item No.2 below) **South by:** Private Property belongs to M/s Transport Corporation of India

ITEM No.2: All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property comprising of Site bearing Municipal No.16/1 (Portion of Old No.10/16) having PID No.47-54-16/1, situated at 1st Cross Road, Kalasipalyam New Extension, Bangalore measuring East to West 35 Feet and North to South 9.2 Feet, in all measuring about 322 Sq. ft, along with a building constructed thereon comprising of Ground and First Floor with a total built up area of about 322 Sq. ft and the site bounded on the: **East by:** 5 Feet Common Passage and thereafter others Property, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Property bearing No.16/2 belonging to the Sri. M. K. Gunashekar (Item No, 3 below), **South by:** Property bearing No.16 belonging to Sri. Sri. M. K. Gunashekar Item No. 1 above)

ITEM No.3: All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property comprising of Site bearing Municipal No.16/2, (Portion of Old No.19/16) having PID No.47-54-16/2, situated at 1st Cross Road, Kalasipalyam New Extension, Bangalore, measuring East to West 35 Feet and North to South 9.2 Feet, in all measuring about 322 Sq. ft, along with a building constructed thereon comprising of Ground and First Floor with a total built up area of about 322 Sq.ft and the site bounded on the: **East by:** 5 Feet Common Passage and thereafter others Property, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Property No. 16/3 belonging to Sri. Sri. M.K. Nagaraj, **South by:** Property No. 16/1 belonging to Sri. Sri. M.K. Gunashekar (Item No. 2 above)

For and on behalf of our clients
K.S. HARISH, Partner
VHVK Law Partners
Advocates & Solicitors
No. 3 & 4, Lakeside Residency
No. 4, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road, Bengaluru 560 042 . Ph : 9844073410
E-Mail: ksharish@vhvklaw.com
Dated : 14.07.2024

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. 15/MYS/2024 of 08.07.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Sl.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value
1	Assistant Divisional Engineer / Sakleshpur Sub Division - Re-gauging of track including renewal of worn out fastenings over curves and Greasing of rails in curves with railways grease between Sakleshpur - Subrahmanya Road Stations for a period of two year.	Rs. 3,87,79,465/-
2	**Sub Work - I :** Mysuru Division : Providing side pathway for Br. No-90 DN, Br. No-110 DN, Br. No-131 DN, Br. No-18A RUB DN in Arsikere - Harihar section Down Line, Br. No-192D DN in Sampige Road - Arsikere Section Down Line (05 Bridges). **Sub Work - II :** Mysuru Division : Providing side pathway for Br. No-91 in Mysuru - Arsikere Section, Br. No-704A DN, Br. No-706A DN, Br. NO-710A DN, Br. No-717 DN, Br. No-739A UP in Mysuru - Yeliyur Section, Br. No-763 RUB in Mysuru - Chamarajanagar Section (07 Bridges).	Rs. 3,10,74,457/-
3	**Sub Work - I :** Special repairs to girder bridges between Hassan - Mangaluru section (including Sakaleshpur - Subramanya Ghat Section) under SSE/Br/ Sakaleshpur Jurisdiction for two years. **Sub Work - II :** Mysuru Division - Rehabilitation of Br. No. 62A at Km. 116/800-900, Br. No. 59A at Km. 120/300-400 in Mysuru - Arsikere section. Br. No. 43B at km. 393/800-900, Br. No. 21A at Km. 320/300-400 in Chikjajur - Karajgi section, Br. No. 840A at Km. 57/400-500 of Mysuru Division consequent on Third Party Audit Report.	Rs. 1,23,86,398/-
4	Hassan - Mangaluru Section : Providing of inspection platform for abutment and pier in Hassan - Mangaluru Central Section under SSE/Bridges/Sakleshpur jurisdiction (Br. No. 15, 23, 28, 37, 43, 56, 118, 186, 187, 246, 256, 281, 283, 287, 289, 297, 322, 327, 328, 335, 367, 385, 400, 446, 474, 485, 507, 578, 582, 593, 597, 613, 630, 366, 484, 500, 577) (Total No. of bridges - 37 Nos.)	Rs. 1,54,84,676/-
5	**Sub Work - I :** Mysuru : Maintenance of Garden, Trees, Hedges, etc at Division Office Building, Station building Circulating area, VRC Officers colony, Officers Rest House & Gandhi Vana for the period of 24 Months. **Sub Work - II :** Mysuru : Operation and daily maintenance including supply of consumable for water recycling plant from inlet to outlet of GLR in good condition for a period of two years.	Rs. 1,05,22,688/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Up to 11:00 Hrs on 31-07-2024
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-ordination
PUB/253/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25 Mysuru
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client is intending to purchase the Schedule Property from **1) MR. ANTHONY JAI PRAKASH,** S/o Late. D. Anthony, **2) MRS. MARIA PRAKASH,** W/o Mr. Anthony Jai Prakash, both residing at No.401/A, 5th A Main, 2nd Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore -560043. Any person having any objection regarding the said sale transaction, may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents within **07 days** from the date of this publication failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.1202, Khatha No.922/2683/1202, Situated at HBR 1st Stage, 5th Block, Bangalore, now under the purview of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara having PID No.024-W0138-4 in Ward No.24-HBR, measuring East to West 18.29 Meters and North to South 11.90 Meters, totally measuring 217.65 Sq.Mtrs., and bounded on the:

East by : Road,
West by : House bearing No.1199,
North by : House bearing No.1201,
South by : House bearing No.1203.

Sd/- **K.R.BHARADWAJ & ASSOCIATES,**
Advocates,
No.30, 1st Floor, Above Medplus, Sukh Sagar Cross Road, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main K.K. Halli, Bangalore -560084.
Ph. 9844011141,
E-mail: krblawassociates@gmail.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Mr. Vishal Chopra** S/o. Mr. Ashokkumar Chopra, proposed to purchase the Schedule property from **Smt. Radha Rukmangadda** W/o. Late. Rukmangadda and her daughter namely Druthishree R and Divyashree R, That if any person/s, Bank/s, Authorities has/have any objections for the proposed sale transaction or claims any kind whatsoever on the schedule property may lodge their claims/objections with documentary proof within (7) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned failing which thereafter my clients shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and any claims received thereafter will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

In respect of Residential Villa bearing **No. 04,** including all fittings, furniture and other movable and immovable items, in the complex known as "PRESTIGE SUMMER FIELDS" Apt Bhoganahalli, in C Type, measuring Super built up area of **4201 Sq., Ft.,** and UDS of 3869 Sq., Ft., constructed on property bearing Sy. Nos. 118, 115, 117, 114/5, 114/6, 114/3, 114/2, 128/1, Katha Nos. 245, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 262, PID No. 258/5, situated at Bhoganahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and bounded as per layout plan :-

East by : Villa No.05;
West by : Villa No.03;
North by : 9.50 Meters Road;
South by : Villa No.56;

A. P. Law Associates
No. 1642/28, 3rd Main 1st Cross Ramamohanpuram Near Srirampura Metro Station, (Behind Devaiah Park) Bengaluru-560021
Mob:- 9844378777/6362583397
Place: Bengaluru Date: 12.07.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client Sri. Dipankar Karmokar is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule of property from its owner viz Sri. Champalal Narayanmalji, Sri. Mukesh Kumar Narayanmalji, Smt. Kamala Devi Bherchandli and Smt. Vimala Devi.

If anybody is having any objection, claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections / claims / details of dispute/s within Seven (7) days from the date of this publication, failing which, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owners as if there are no third party claims/ objections/ disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential cum non-residential property bearing municipal No.19, PID No.47-135-19 situated at Karpura Adam Sab Galli (Previously Appurayappa Galli) Bengaluru-560 002 in Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.47 (Dharmanarayana-swamy Tample Ward) and bounded as under:

East by : Road, West by : Property belonging to Sri. Zahirulla Khan, North by : Property belonging to Sri. Khadir Khan, South by : Road.

EAST to WEST - 38 feet, NORTH to SOUTH - 28 feet 6 inches

Smt. Sumithra Sri Murthy. B.A, LLM
Advocate and Legal Consultant
No.13, 10th Cross, ITI Layout, Papareddypalya, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru- 560 072. M.: 9845244511

Debts Recovery Tribunal - II, Bengaluru, 4th Floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru 560001.

FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]

By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/472/2023 in OA NO. 429/2017
BANK OF BARODA
Versus
M/S BINDU ENTERPRISE PROP MRS BINDU MANJUNATH

TO,

(CH) BANK OF BARODA K.G.ROAD BRANCH, NO 35 DEVANGA TOWER KG ROAD, BANGALORE KARNATAKA.

.....CERTIFICATE HOLDER
VS

(CD) M/S BINDU ENTERPRISE PROP MRS BINDU MANJUNATH OFFICE NO.NO. 28/A-1, 1ST FLOOR, 5TH MAIN ROAD, OPP TO VISHAL MEDICALS, GANGANAGAR, BANGALORE-560032.

ALSO AT: M/S BINDU ENTERPRISE, PROP MRS BINDU MANJUNATH NO.683, 8TH CROSS, 1ST STAGE. 3RD BLOCK, HBR LAYOUT, BANGALORE KARNATAKA -560043.

....CERTIFICATE DEBTOR

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2) in OA/429/2017 an amount of Rs 8753225 (Rupees Eighty Seven Lakhs Fifty Three Thousands Two Hundred Twenty Five Only) along with pendentellite and future interest payable as per the R.C. w.e.f. 17/04/2017 till realization and costs of Rs 40005 (Rupees Forty Thousands Five Only) has become due against you. Plus, penal interest @2%p.a. is also applicable/payable.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. "You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, for further proceedings"

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 22/12/2023.

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 to the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 read with Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993(Amended from time to time) which is reproduced as under: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the debts recovery officer nor shall be any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

2. Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter or any debt, divided or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

3. You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
BANGALORE (DRT 2)

COPY TO :-
BANK OF BARODA K.G.ROAD BRANCH

You are directed that the payment made, if any, by the Certificate Debtor(s) be credited to the consolidated account of all debts due in this case from the Certificate Debtor(s) and the Recovery Officer kept posted with the payment position regularly.

The consolidated account so maintained will be subject to the verification of the Recovery Officer. You are further directed to submit an up to date statement of the total claim in respect of the above matter and full details of property particulars wherefrom the recovery of the debt is to be made.

QuoteExpress
THE SECRET OF GETTING AHEAD IS GETTING STARTED
MARK TWAIN

Debts Recovery Tribunal - II, Bengaluru, 4th Floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru 560001.

DRC NO: 2491/17

VIJAYA BANK, MYSORE ROAD BRANCH, No.252, 2nd MAIN, 7TH CROSS, CHAMARAJPET, BANGALORE 560018.

....Certificate Holder
Versus
SRI MANJUNATH B & ANR. ..Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

1. Sri Manjunath B, S/o Balakrishna, R/at No. 125, Huskur Village, Bommasandra, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 560125.
2. Sri Manunath M, S/o Muninanjappa, R/at: Mallenahalli, Attibele Circle, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 560107.

...Defendants

In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in OA No. 1148/2015 passed by the Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore an amount of Rs. 21,05,905/- (Rupees Twenty one lakhs five thousand nine hundred and five Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of filing of O.A. till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on 4 day of December 2017.

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

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WITHOUT HARD WORK, NOTHING GROWS BUT WEEDS
GORDON B HINCKLEY

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RC NO: 163/2019
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POSTS OF THE DAY

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
The results of the by-elections in 7 states made it clear that the web of 'fear and confusion' woven by the BJP has been broken.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan @ChouhanShivraj
Every BJP worker is dedicated for welfare of people, service of the poor and upliftment of the poor. Politics is not a profession for us, it is a mission.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
BJP should not take revenge of its political defeat in UP from its family members. This injustice must stop. We are with every family member.

■ PDP says BJP does not want to lose its 'iron grip' over Kashmiris ■ Move to delay restoration of full statehood: Kharge

J&K parties term move as 'murder of democracy'

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

POLITICAL parties in Jammu and Kashmir, barring the BJP, have opposed the Central government's move to give more powers to the Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory for making decisions on matters related to police and All India Service (AIS) officers. They have termed it as a "murder of democracy" saying J&K CM will be a rubber stamp, and that the Assembly's authority would be diminished.

"People of J&K deserve better than powerless, rubber stamp CM who will have to beg the LG to get his/her peon appointed," former J&K chief minister and NC vice president **Omar Abdullah** posted on X.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has amended the transaction of business of the Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Rules, 2019. As per the amendments, proposals relating to the transfer of administrative secretaries and cadre posts of All India Service (AIS) officers shall be submitted to the Lt Governor by the administrative secretary, general administration department through the chief secretary.

As per amendments, no proposal that requires previous concurrence of the finance department on the 'police' 'public order', 'All India Service' and 'Anti -Corruption Bureau' to exercise the discretion of Lt Governor under the Act, shall be concurred or rejected unless it has been placed before the Lt Governor through the chief secretary.

PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti's daughter and her media advisor, **Iltija Mufti** said that at a time when there's been considerable speculation about Assembly elections in J&K, the new MHA order widening the already unbridled powers of an unelected LG make a few things abundantly clear.

"The assembly elections will be conducted this year itself. The order seeks to disempower the powers of the next J&K state government only because BJP doesn't want to cede control or lose its iron grip over Kashmiris," Iltija Mufti said.

"Statehood is out of the question. An elected government in J&K will be reduced to a municipality," Iltija posted on X.

Apni Party chief Altaf Bukhari appealed to all parties of J&K to forge unity to collectively advocate for the restoration of J&K's statehood with all the powers it held before August 5, 2019.

"Amending the J&K Reorganization Act to Increase LG's powers will eventually weaken the state, diminish the Assembly's authority, and undermine the elected government in the future," he said.

Cong hits back at govt, says BJP has already accepted J&K defeat

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE Congress on Saturday hit out at the Centre after the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) amended the rules of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 expanding the powers of the L-G.

Congress President **Mallikarjunj Kharge** said that Modi government's move is to delay the restoration of full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, even though the Supreme Court has mandated assembly elections by September.

"The Modi government's betrayal of Jammu and Kashmir continues unabated! The insertion of new sections giving more powers to the L-G by amending the Rules under Section 55 of the J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019 means the Modi government wants to delay the restoration of full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

He said that even if full statehood is restored, the Centre wants to keep the newly elected state government at the mercy of the L-G, by clamping its executive power.

The amendments shall come into force on July 12, the date of the publication in the Official Gazette, a move in anticipation of the speculated assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir

Congress leader Pawan Khera said that the Centre is following the Delhi model to curtail the powers of an elected government. "The government has not been able to solve the ongoing law and problem in Jammu and Kashmir. What has it to do with the L-G getting powers to transfer and post officers? The L-G is doing it anyway. They don't trust the government which will assume power after the election whenever it happens," he said.

Khera added that the Centre has already passed a no confidence motion against a state government, which is yet to be elected.

THE GREAT INDIAN WEDDING

KITSCH KITSCH HOTA HAI...

EDISON THOMAS

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

CALLING the wedding of Anant Ambani-Radhika Merchant, "a big fat Indian wedding", is a gross understatement. In a land where opulence meets tradition, where Bollywood dreams come alive, and where cricket is a religion, this wedding is not just an event; it is a phenomenon! It has raised the bar to a level where parents of millennial children are no longer talking about mega weddings because the benchmark set has lit up the eyes of generation-next. My next door neighbour bride-to-be now wants George Clooney to give her away! Her groom meanwhile wants the Avengers in attendance, and Scarlett Johansson to kick her way out of the cake at the bachelor party! The father of the bride is now asking the daughter to rethink marriage itself. "Beti, you are an independent, strong woman. Why do you want to get married..."

Back to the mega wedding taking place, reality is even further away from fantasy. While a growing India has been tutored to reach for the stars, this wedding witnessed the stars coming down to party. Guests got to meet the Kardishans, arm-wrestle with John Cena and play mind games with Jay Shetty, even as they partied with David Guetta, sang along with The Backstreet Boys and Beyonce, hobnobbed with former UK prime ministers Boris Johnson and Tony Blair and former US Secretary of State John Kerry. Bollywood stars completed the constellation as Salman Khan, Shah Rukh Khan, Deepika Padukone, Alia Bhatt, Priyanka Chopra-Jonas, Janhvi Kapoor and Sara Ali Khan, all made their presence felt. Overwhelmed? Wait for it.

Guests were not mere spectators; they were part of an immersive experience, with pre-wedding celebrations that spread across months and continents and included a zoo, a luxury cruise, and each venue more breathtaking than the last. So what if Portofino Bay was shut down for the pre-wedding party, it's all about the money, honey!

The Ambanis didn't just host a wedding; they curated a cultural spectacle. The festivities kicked off with a pre-wedding bash that saw performances by Bollywood's creme de la creme. Think Ranveer Singh dancing with unabashed energy, Diljit Dosanjh and Rihanna crooning, and Shah Rukh Khan playing the charming host. The sangeet felt like the Oscars meets Coachella, with a dash of the Met Gala for good measure.

Even the wedding invites were rumored to have included precious jewelry pieces – because if you're going to send out invitations, they might as well double as heirlooms. Speaking of fashion, Anant Ambani's bride, Radhika Merchant, was the epitome of bridal elegance. Her outfits, designed by the best names in fashion, were nothing short of wearable art. From her intricately embroidered lehenga at the main ceremony to her dazzling reception gown, each ensemble was a testament to haute couture. Anant himself looked every bit the regal groom in his custom-made sherwani, embellished with rare gemstones that could fund a small country.

In an era of destination weddings, imagine having your wedding reception at home! But when your home is Antilia, you need to look no further. For the unacquainted, Antilia isn't just a home; it's a 27-story skyscraper that towers over Mumbai, complete with helipads, hanging gardens, a snow room, and enough luxury amenities to make a five-star hotel blush. For the wedding, the entire building was transformed into a fairy tale setting with every imaginable flower, light, and decoration meticulously placed to create a wonderland vibe. If there's a power shutdown in the rest of Mumbai, grin and bear it. One doesn't think bad thoughts when good things are happening.

Meanwhile, in a place like Bangalore, home to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, people have stopped discussing the lack of water and flooding during monsoons, and now talk about the aircraft manufacturer's stocks going up, thanks to the demand created by jet charters ferrying guests to and from the Ambani wedding.

In a nation where weddings are celebrated with unmatched fervor, the Ambani wedding was the Everest of matrimonial grandeur. It was a reminder that in the land of a billion dreams, the Ambanis are the ultimate dream weavers. The rest of us can keep dreaming. Marriages may be made in heaven, but when you are the Ambanis, heaven is a place on earth. Cheers to the bride and groom!

In 'Vibrant Border Villages' review meet, Shah says migration must stop

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

Home Minister Amit Shah reviews the implementation of 'Vibrant Villages Programme" at a high-level meeting in New Delhi | PTI

HOME Minister **Amit Shah** on Saturday held a review meeting to assess the progress in the implementation of the 'Vibrant Border Villages Programme' and stressed the need to provide job opportunities to local residents as well as enhanced connectivity to prevent them from migrating, officials said.

Shah also emphasised that the Central Armed Police Forces and the Army, deployed in and around the border villages, should encourage the purchase of local agricultural and handicraft products through cooperatives, the officials said.

He called upon officials to encourage maximum use of renewable energy sources like solar energy and windmills.

The MHA stated in a statement that so far, more than 6,000 events have been organised in these border villages, which include about 4,000 service delivery and awareness camps. More than 600 projects have been sanctioned by the Central government for employment generation in these villages.

He also emphasised reviewing at regular intervals the disposal of pending issues. The meeting was attended by senior officers of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) including the Union home secretary, secretary, border management and director general, Indo-Tibetan Border Police.

Under the 'vibrant villages programme,' 136 border villages are being provided connectivity through 113 all-weather road projects at a cost of ₹2,420 crore.

The MHA in the statement said, "4G connectivity is being worked on rapidly in these areas and by December 2024, all villages under the Vibrant Villages Programme will be covered by the network." Appropriate steps are being taken to ensure financial inclusion in all these villages and India Post-Payment Banks (IPPB) branches are also being facilitated there, the MHA said.

NIA chargesheet against 4 Maoists in attack case

The NIA has filed a charge sheet against four Maoists in a case relating to alleged attack on police personnel in Chhattisgarh, officials said. It was found that all the accused were members of the proscribed terrorist organisation CPI (Maoist), they said.

After Modi's Russia visit, Doval dials Sullivan to talk ties

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

NATIONAL Security Adviser Ajit Doval dialled his US counterpart Jake Sullivan on Friday and both talked about advancing India-US bilateral relations. The phone call between the two NSAs took place a few days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Russia.

"The NSAs agreed to work closely to further advance India-US relations which are built on shared values and common strategic and security interests. They also agreed to work together to address global challenges of peace and security and expand the Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership," the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement.

They also spoke about the upcoming high-level Quad meeting, the statement said. Foreign ministers of Quad (comprising Australia, India, Japan and the US) are likely to meet in Tokyo towards the end of this month.

The US side has conveyed its frustration over the Indian premier's visit to Russia both in New Delhi and Washington. Addressing a US-India defence news conclave on Thursday, US ambassador Eric Garcetti said strategic autonomy cannot apply in times of conflict and India and the US must uphold principles when other countries go against the rules-based order or violate sovereign borders. Even though Modi reiterated his stance that "this is not an era for war" and there is need to resolve the conflict through dialogue and diplomacy, Ukrainian President Voldomor Zelenskyy objected to PM hugging Russian President Vladmir Putin.

Modi even criticised, while in conversation with Putin, the killing of children in conflict, which implied the killing of children in the recent attack on a hospital in Kyiv.

NEWSMAKER

'CIC has powers to frame laws, set up benches'

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court has said that the Central Information Commission (CIC) has the powers to constitute benches and frame regulations to ensure quick disposal and reduce workload or volume of cases.

A bench of Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Satish Chandra Sharma in its ruling recently, said "The autonomy and independence of CIC and administrative bodies are fundamental to their ability to perform their designated functions effectively."

The apex court passed the ruling, after examining whether the CIC, under the RTI (Right to Information) Act, has the authority to constitute benches of its own and frame regulations for the effective management and allocation of work within the commission, including the issuance of orders and the formation of committees.

The top court said institutions like the Central Information Commission (CIC) are established to carry out specialised tasks that require a level of impartiality and expertise that can only be achieved if they are free from undue interference.

"The autonomy of the CIC is of paramount importance for its effective functioning. Any undue interference in its administrative functions, and others, such as the power to constitute benches, would significantly impede its ability to handle the large volume of cases efficiently and expeditiously," it said. The observations of the top court came in a judgement in which it set aside a 2010 verdict of the Delhi HC.

While delving into the issue of quick disposal of cases, the top court said the formation of benches ensures efficient allocation of work and timely disposal of cases, which is crucial for upholding the right to information.

"The Chief Information Commissioner's powers to frame regulations pertaining to the constitution of benches of the commission are upheld as such powers are within the ambit of Section 12(4) of the RTI Act," the bench said.

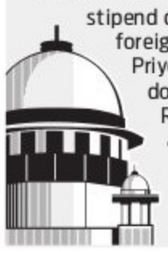
Stressing on the need and formation of Benches could reduce backlog and pendency of cases, the apex court said that it was also very significant for upholding the right to information. "The purpose of the RTI Act is to promote transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities, ensuring citizens' right to information," it said.

To achieve these objectives effectively, the top court said it was essential that the CIC operates efficiently and without undue procedural constraints.

"The principle of purposive interpretation supports the view that the CIC's powers under Section 12(4) of the RTI Act include all necessary measures to manage and direct the commission's affairs effectively", the apex court ruled.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Doctors move SC against unpaid internship



A group of Indian doctors who studied medicine from foreign universities knocked the doors of Supreme Court against delay in stipend during their internships in India. The petitioners are foreign medical graduates, led by Jaswant Singh, Mona Priyedarshiny and many others -- who are currently doing their internships at eight medical colleges in Rajasthan and Ram Manohar Lohia Medical College and Hospital in New Delhi. They challenged the unjust and arbitrary act of the respondents in holding back their stipends as they were serving a compulsory internship at Ram Manohar Lohia.

AHEAD OF POLLS

Govt strengthens J&K L-G Manoj Sinha's powers

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

AHEAD of the assembly elections in J&K, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs empowered the Lieutenant Governor in all matters of transfers and postings of all-India service officers and the police besides granting powers to accord prosecution sanction in various cases. It did so by notifying amendments to the Rules of business transactions under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act 2019.

Manoj Sinha has been J&K's Lieutenant Governor since August 2020. These amendments, called the Transaction of Business of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir Government (Second Amendment) Rules, 2024, came into force on Friday after they were published in the Gazette.

In the past, proposals concerning police, public order, all-India services and the Anti-Corruption Bureau required approval from J&K's finance department before reaching the L-G.

Under the revised rules, such proposals must now be presented to the L-G direct through the chief secretary.

The Opposition criticised the Centre's order, calling it a step towards disempowering the people of J&K. Political parties in J&K viewed the new order as an attempt to undermine the power of an elected government.

Powers to appoint the Advocate-General and other law officers to assist the Advocate-General in the court proceedings, too, have been vested in the L-G. Proposals for making such appointments shall be made through the chief secretary and the chief minister. These appointments, previously decided upon by the J&K government.

CJI calls for regional languages training in legal studies and courts

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

UNDERSCORING the need to teach law courses in regional languages and in simpler parlance, Chief Justice of India Dr DY Chandrachud on Saturday said that it was imperative to use regional languages in legal proceedings to make the case understandable for the general litigants. He said the inability to explain the principles of law to the general public in simple terms was a shortcoming of the legal profession and legal education system. He was addressing budding lawyers at Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University as chief guest of the convocation.

"If the fundamental and basic principles of law are not explained in a simpler manner to the general public then there is definitely some flaw in the legal profession and legal education," he added.

WALL COLLAPSE

A wall in a single-storey unoccupied building collapsed amid heavy rains in Maharashtra's Thane on Saturday, a civic official said. A wall collapsed on the first floor of the building in the Joshi Baug area of Kalyan.

4 KILLED

TWO INJURED IN TRUCK-CAR COLLISION IN NASHIK

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	39	23	Mumbai	33	28
Bhopal	33	18	Panaji	32	24
Jaipur	36	24	Patna	35	27
Amritsar	36	18	Lucknow	36	22
Chennai	36	27	Port Blair	28	24
Kolkata	34	27	Imphal	31	19
Srinagar	27	05	Chandigarh	35	19

■ TMC victory margins impressive in all 4 seats ■ After Sorens, Cong couple enters Himachal Assembly ■ BJP loses Badrinath seat

Supporters celebrate with Shreya Pandey, daughter of TMC candidate Supti Pandey | PTI

Wife joins Sukhu in House matters

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

IN a first in the Himachal Pradesh assembly, the husband and wife will sit in the House as MLAs from the same party. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's wife Kamlesh Thakur today won the Dehra assembly by-poll. The Congress managed to win two out of the three assembly by-polls.

These victories have consolidated the position of CM Sukhu, a little over a month after party's dismal performance in Lok Sabha elections. The Congress tally, however, is back to 40 from 38 in the 68-member assembly. The BJP's total seats also rise from 27 to 28.

CM Sukhu (R) with wife Kamlesh being greeted by party leader Vikramaditya Singh

Congress candidate Kamlesh Thakur got 32,737 votes against BJP candidate Hoshiar Singh who received 23,338 votes. He was seeking re-election on the BJP ticket after having resigned from the assembly. Till the fourth round, Hoshiar Singh led the vote tally by a slender margin of about 800 votes. But after the fifth round CM's wife Kamlesh kept consolidating her lead and won by 9,399 votes.

Kamlesh's victory has raised hopes among the locals as Dehra is one of the most backward areas of Kangra district. CM Sukhu has promised many development projects for the area, including helping out the Pong Dam oustees who have been living landless in the region since their land was acquired for the construction of the dam in 1960s.

Hardeep Singh Bawa of Congress won from Nalagarh in Solan district, and Ashish Sharma of BJP won from Hamirpur. The Congress victory follows a rebellion by six Congress legislators after cross-voting in the Rajya Sabha election on February 27.

WEST BENGAL

Didi fortifies turf, cuts BJP to its size

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @Kolkata

THE salient points of BJP's defeat in all the four bye-elections held on July 10 in West Bengal were its failure to retain the three seats that it won in 2021 and the party's inability to impress the Matua vote bank for which it promised Citizens Amendment Act (CAA).

With this victory, the TMC's tally stands at 215 in the 294-member assembly. It also enjoys the support of three BJP MLAs, who switched to the ruling party but are yet to resign from the House. The BJP's official tally in the state assembly has come down to 71 from 77 in 2021.

The ruling Trinamool Congress won all -- Maniktala in Kolkata, Bagdah in North 24 Parganas, Ranaghat Dakshin in Nadia and Raiganj in Uttar Dinajpur. The BJP in 2021 had won three assembly seats except for Maniktala.

The victory margins of TMC candidates are impressive enough: Supti Pandey (TMC) won from Maniktala by 62,312 votes, Madhuparna Thakur (Ranaghat) by 33,455 votes, Krishna Kalyani (Raiganj) with a margin of 55,077 votes and Mukutmani Adhikari (Ranaghat Dakshin) by 39,048 votes.

Supti Pandey is the wife of former state minister Sadhan Pandey. The seat fell vacant following Sadham's death in February 2022.

Kalyan Chaubey, the BJP candidate for the seat, claimed hardly 8% voting in the by-polls, alleging that the rest were fake votes.

The TMC swept the Matua belt winning both Ranaghat Dakshin and Bagda. TMC's Madhuparna Thakur, daughter of TMC Rajya Sabha MP Mamata Bala Thakur, won, defeating BJP's Binay Kumar Biswas. "It is the blessings of the people of Bagda. The citizens had decided beforehand that they would send the TMC candidate to the assembly," Madhuparna said.

The saffron camp, which enjoys the support of a large section of the Matua community, had won Bagdah, Raiganj and Ranaghat South in 2021 but the winners later joined TMC.

The assembly segments of Haroa and Naihati in North 24 Parganas, Sitai in Cooch Behar, Taldangra in Bankura, Madarihat in Alipurduars, and Medinipur in Paschim Medinipur are still vacant since their respective MLAs contested and won the Lok Sabha polls.

PUNJAB

After LS defeat, Mann manages to snatch Jalandhar (West) match

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THE ruling AAP's victory in the Jalandhar (West) assembly by-election has come as a shot in the arm for Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann after the party's poor performance in the recent Lok Sabha polls.

AAP's Mohinder Bhagat won from the SC-reserved seat by a margin of 37,325 votes defeating BJP's Sheetal Angural, who had resigned as the AAP legislator on March 28, a day after joining the saffron party. Bhagat got 55,246 votes and Angural 17,921. Surinder Kaur of Congress came third with 16,757 votes, followed by Surjeet Kaur of SAD with 1,242 votes.

"The landslide victory shows that the people of Punjab are very happy with the work of our government. As per the promise we will make Jalandhar West 'the best'," Mann wrote on X. Bhagat had switched to AAP from the BJP last year. He was the BJP candidate in 2022 assembly elections from the same constituency but lost to Angural then.

In the LS polls, AAP won only three out of 13 seats against Congress's seven. It had trailed behind Congress and BJP in the Jalandhar (West) Assembly segment. Experts say the shift in the AAP's favour is largely due to Mann's extensive campaign by staying put in Jalandhar. Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said, "People are supporting policies of our government."

Extensive campaign

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AAP candidate Mohinder Bhagat's carcade after winning the bypoll from Jalandhar West constituency | PTI

UTTARAKHAND

After UP, saffron fades in religious hubs of Hill state

NARENDRA SETHI @Dehradun

THE Congress on Saturday won both Badrinath and Manglaur assembly seats in Uttarakhand by-elections, defeating the BJP. With the double victory, Congress's tally in the 70-member assembly has increased from 18 to 20. After the results, Congress state president Karan Mahara said, "Even Ram and Narayan (Lord Vishnu) have turned away from the BJP. The party faced a crushing defeat in the Lok Sabha elections in Ayodhya, a sacred Hindu pilgrimage site. Now, the BJP suffered another defeat in Badrinath."

Congress's Qazi Mohammad Nizamuddin won Manglaur seat in Haridwar district for the fourth time edging out BJP's Kartar Singh Bhadana by a narrow margin of 422 votes. Nizamuddin won the seat twice on BSP ticket and once on a Congress ticket.

Ubaidur Rahman, son of former BSP MLA Sarwat Karim Ansari whose death last October necessitated the bypoll, got 19,559 votes against Nizamuddin's 31,727 votes and Bhadana's 31,305.

"It is the victory of Loktantra over Latthatantra," Nizamuddin said, referring to the violence on the day of polling at a booth. Congress leader Harish Rawat said, "I thank people of Manglaur for not coming under pressures mounted on them by the party in power and listening to their heart." In Badrinath, Congress's Lakhapat Butola, who contested from an assembly seat first time, defeated former minister and MLA Rajendra Bhandari of BJP whose resignation as an MLA before LS polls necessitated the bypoll. Butola defeated Bhandari by 5,224 votes.

BJP in MP wins battle that went down to the wire

ANURAAG SINGH @Bhopal

JUST 38 days after the clean sweep on 29 Lok Sabha seats of Madhya Pradesh, the ruling BJP won the lone assembly by-election in the state on Saturday, as it's candidate Kamlesh Shah defeated Congress's Dheeranshah Invati by just 3027 votes in a battle which went down the wire.

The Saturday's by-poll loss meant a second jolt to ex-CM Kamal Nath, after son Nakul Nath's 1.13 lakh votes defeat from Chhindwara LS seat on June 4. Amarwara-ST is one of the seven assembly segments forming Nath's erstwhile pocket-borough Chhindwara LS constituency.

While the winning BJP candidate polled 83,105 votes, Congress candidate got 80,078 votes. The second runners-up Gondwana Gantantra Party (GGP) candidate Deviram Bhalavi polled 28,723 votes, by largely eating into the Congress votes and thus helping the ruling party candidate win the contest by a low margin.

Jolt to Nitish as independent beats JD(U) nominee

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

IN a major setback to Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar-led Janata Dal (United), an Independent candidate Shankar Singh, who is known for his muscle power, defeated JD (U) candidate Kaladhar Prasad Mandal in the by-election to the Rupauli assembly constituency.

Shankar Singh, who quit the Lok Janshakti Party to contest by-election as rebel, defeated JD(U)'s Kaladhar Prasad Mandal by 8,211 votes while pushing RJD's Bima Bharti to the third position.

Shankar Singh scored 68,070 votes followed by Mandal, who scored 59,824 votes. Bharti scored just 30,619 votes. 5,675 voters cast their votes for NOTA. Singh, stated to be self-styled commander of North Bihar Liberation Army, a private organisation to fight against Bharti's husband Awadhesh Mandal's tyranny, quit the LJP and contested as rebel. He had earlier served as MLA from Rupauli from in 2005.

Mamata says will move resolution against 3 criminal laws, NEET

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @Kolkata

THE West Bengal government is all set to bring in resolution against Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill (BNS) and NEET in the next session of the Legislative Assembly, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said on Saturday.

Raising apprehensions against the Bill, Banerjee said, "I don't know what they had done with Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill. Even doctors, journalists are scared. Freedom is at stake. Without any evidence any one can be the victim of the Bill."

Asking the Central government to review the criminal legislation bill, the CM said, "They have passed the bill unilaterally without giving us any scope to understand it. We will bring in legislation against BNS and NEET once the Assembly session gets underway."

Reacting to the bypoll results in the rest of the country, Banerjee said, "I have heard that they have won two seats in the states where they are in power. They lost in all others by election seats. The overall trend suggests that people are not in favour of BJP. They have won a seat in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, but in all other seats they have lost.

Banerjee added, "I may be wrong but I have heard that NDA collectively got 46 per cent votes. INDIA got 51 per cent votes. So the mandate is against them." She thanked the people of Bengal for keeping faith in TMC and voting in its favour in the by-election held in four seats of the state.

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, which came into effect on 1 July, 2024, is the official criminal code in the country. It was passed by Parliament in December 2023 to replace the Indian Penal Code of the British era.

Seeks Centre's review on criminal legislation laws

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Chouhan smells foreign hand in BJP's LS defeat

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

IN a rather interesting twist to the Lok Sabha results, Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has alleged foreign interference as a major factor for the BJP setback in the recent polls. Chouhan was in Jaipur for a BJP Working Committee meeting where he made these allegations.

Slamming the opposition Congress as a "machine for telling lies", Chouhan argued that the BJP suffered in the Lok Sabha elections because some powers had interfered then. Shivraj fiercely targeted the Congress in his address at the BJP Working Committee meeting and criticised Rahul Gandhi for allegedly claiming that Hindus are a violent lot. He argued that this reflects a childish mentality.

Chouhan claimed that some foreign forces sitting abroad whose interests were suffering due to the honest policies were keen that an government like the old one should be formed.

Gujarat Cong hand-in-glove with BJP on party office attack? Probe on

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @Ahmedabad

A week after BJP and Congress workers clashed at the latter's Ahmedabad office over Rahul Gandhi's speech in Parliament, the leadership of the grand old party has sought an immediate explanation from Gujarat party in-charge Mukul Wasnik following reports of a "tacit understanding" between leaders of both the parties on the incident.

As per sources, while some top Congress leaders were saved from police action, several workers remain in police custody. They said that certain leaders from both parties had entered into an understanding to not to "include" the names of a Congress MLA and a BJP MLA's son in the FIR.

This development has drawn serious concern from the Delhi Congress High Command, prompting them to summon Wasnik to Delhi for an immediate report. Importantly, after the incident, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi visited the jailed Congress workers in Ahmedabad. Gujarat Pradesh Congress incharge Mukul had called for an extensive executive session encompassing all districts and arranged a comprehensive three-day tour across the state.

However, abruptly altering his plans, he had to cancel the plan and depart for Delhi. A confidential source within the Congress stated, "Regarding the recent clash between BJP and Congress factions at Congress office in Ahmedabad, there is a sentiment among local leaders that prominent figures have been spared while lower-level workers have borne the brunt.

"The party's top leadership has acknowledged this concern and swiftly summoned Wasnik to Delhi for urgent deliberations," he added. Sources allege that during the stone-pelting incident at the Congress office, media footage clearly captured Congress and BJP leaders engaging in the skirmish.

However, in the police complaint, leaders from both parties reportedly negotiated an arrangement resulting in the exclusion of names of a Congress MLA and a BJP MLA's son. Despite the FIR being filed against junior workers who were subsequently arrested, discontent gripped their families due to the denial of bail.

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Govt gears up for Mahakumbh- 2025

With the preparations for upcoming Mahakumbhi-2025, which is just six months away, the state government is not leaving anything to chance. It has decided to put in place a smart digital attendance system for workers and officials deputed for the smooth functioning of the once-in-12-year event. It is set to be one of the biggest congregations of humanity in Prayagraj from January 14, next year. The All India Akhara Parishad (AIAP) has decided to issue identity cards for verified seers which will separate them from 'fake seers'. The state government will resort to AI to do real time assessment to end the possibility of proxy attendance.

Rural development dept creates world record

The rural development department in Uttar Pradesh's Pratapgarh district has created a world record of sorts. The department dug 2,017 farm ponds for farmers across 17 blocks of the district in a month's time. The feat has been recognised by the Elite World Records - a UK-based organisation that celebrates uniqueness of efforts. Prior to Pratapgarh, this record was held by Tirupathur district of Tamil Nadu for digging 1,546 farm ponds in 30 days. Moreover, the district also achieved the distinction of recharging 266 million litre groundwater under 'Catch the rain' project.

UP mango to reach far and wide

The fragrance of Dussehri, Langda, Chausa, Safeda – all mango varieties quintessential to Uttar Pradesh—is reaching far and wide, making its presence felt across the globe. After exporting a consignment of Dussehri to US, UP is set to export 40 tonnes of mangoes to Japan and Malaysia this year. This is the first time in the history of 160 years that Lucknow's Dussehri is being exported to America. The price of Dussehri in India is between ₹60 to ₹100, but when the same Dussehri reached the US market, its price became ₹900 per kg. That is, if we add duty tax, cargo and air fare, then the cost of sending one kg of mango to America will be up to ₹250-300.

777-9

Boeing has begun certification flight testing for its long-delayed twin-engine 777-9 jet

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	31	19	SNY	Los Angeles	28	19	LC
Colombo	30	25	TDS	Melbourne	20	9	LR
Dhaka	33	26	TDS	Moscow	17	10	HR
Dubai	38	27	SNY	New York	28	19	SNY
Houston	31	23	TDS	Singapore	31	24	TDS
Istanbul	29	21	LC	Toronto	18	13	LC
London	22	17	LC	Washington	31	21	LC

Israel says Oct 7 attack mastermind targeted in camp strike that killed 90

Fate of Mohammed Deif unclear: Hamas says nearly 300 injured

GAZA STRIP

THE Israeli army said it targeted Hamas military leader Mohammed Deif on Saturday in a strike on Gaza, after the Hamas-run territory's health ministry said dozens were killed in an Israeli attack on a displacement camp.

The army "struck Mohammed Deif and Rafa Salama, the commander of Hamas' Khan Yunis Brigade, who are two of the masterminds of the October 7 massacre", it said.

It came after the Gaza health ministry said 90 people were killed and about 300 wounded in an Israeli strike on the Al-Mawasi camp for displaced people in southern Gaza.

It is the latest mass-casualty incident in the Al-Mawasi area, where many Palestinians had fled, and came as international mediators pushed on with efforts to halt the nine-month war between Israel and Hamas militants.

The health ministry in Gaza said "half" of the dead were women and children and that there were 300 wounded, many in a "critical" condition.

"The area that was struck is an open area, surrounded by trees, several buildings and sheds. It was not a tent complex, but an operational compound," it said.

A Hamas statement called the claim that Deif had been targeted "false allegations" intended "to cover up the magnitude of the horrific massacre". AFPTV footage showed sirens wailing and smoke rising in the distance as men used blankets to collect victims. Some were clearly beyond help and lay dead on the road.

"What did we do?" a woman screamed in the street. "What did we do? We were just sitting near the beach."

Palestinian women mourn relatives killed in Israeli attack on Saturday | AFP

Israel in May had told Palestinians in the Rafah area to move to a designated humanitarian area in Al-Mawasi on the coast as troops moved in to the southern city of Rafah near the Egyptian border.

There has been widespread global outrage over the war's civilian toll. The office of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the Israeli leader "issued a standing order to eliminate senior Hamas officials at the beginning of the war".

The office added that Netanyahu had discussed the strike with security and military officials and would hold more meetings "to discuss the next developments and steps".

In Israel, demonstrators were again expected to rally later Saturday demanding new elections and a deal to free hostages still held by Hamas in Gaza.

Gathering by the tens of thousands at times, protesters have stepped up their actions against the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. In May, a fire killed 45 people at a tent city in Al-Mawasi. Israel's military said it had targeted and killed two senior Hamas militants in northwest Rafah in the strike which sparked the blaze, but added its munitions alone could not have caused the fire. In another incident around the same time, a Gaza civil defence official said an Israeli strike killed 21 people at a displacement camp west of Rafah. Israel's army rejected the allegations, saying it "did not strike" the designated humanitarian area in Al-Mawasi.

In late June, the International Committee of the Red Cross said 22 people were killed by shelling that damaged its Gaza office, which is surrounded by hundreds of displaced people who sought shelter there. *AFP*

WAR WATCH

ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 281

TOLL SO FAR

40,154

2 civilians killed in strike on Lebanon

A Lebanese security source said an Israeli air strike Saturday killed two civilians collecting water in south Lebanon, while the Israeli army said a raid in the area targeted two Hezbollah operatives. The security source said that "two civilians were filling up water" in the Deir Mimas area when they were killed

Argentina designates Hamas a terror group

Argentina designated Hamas a terrorist organisation on Friday and ordered a freeze on the financial assets of the Palestinian group. Announcing the decision, Milei's office cited the militant Palestinian group's cross-border attack on Israel last October 7 that killed some 1,200 people, in the deadliest assault in Israel's 76-year history.

Oli-led Nepal government to be sworn-in on Monday

KATHMANDU

K P Sharma Oli, set to become Nepal's new Prime Minister, on Saturday held consultations with his alliance partner Nepali Congress in preparing the list of ministers to be inducted into the new coalition government that is likely to be sworn in on Monday.

President Ram Chandra Paudel is expected to appoint Oli, 72, as the new Prime Minister of the Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML)-Nepali Congress (NC) coalition on Sunday.

"However, the President is likely to administer the oath to the new Prime Minister and other members of the cabinet on Monday morning. A small cabinet is likely to be announced on Monday before the oath-taking ceremony starts," said sources close to the NC and UML. Amid political turmoil in the Himalayan nation, CPN-UML chairman Oli, 72, is set to become prime minister once again after incumbent Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on Friday failed to win a trust vote in Parliament.

K P Oli Sharma

Late on Friday night, Oli staked his claim to become the next Prime Minister with the backing of NC president Sher Bahadur Deuba and submitted the signature of 165 House of Representatives (HoR) members — 77 from his party and 88 from the NC — to form the government under Article 76-2 of the Constitution. Out of a total of 21 ministries, the Nepali Congress will get nine and the UML eight plus the post of Prime Minister, a source close to Oli said.

"Key positions such as Home, Foreign, Finance and Energy will be divided between NC and UML. Nepali Congress is likely to get the portfolio of Home while the Finance will go to the UML," the source said.

Earlier in the day on Saturday, CPN-UML held a high-level meeting to discuss the future course of action and finalise the names of ministers to be included in the new cabinet. *PTI*

Toll rises to 3 in Nepal twin bus tragedy, Indian national among victims

KATHMANDU

THE body of a 40-year-old Indian national working in Nepal was among three corpses recovered by rescuers on Saturday from the wreckage of two buses that were swept by a mudslide into a rain-swollen river with more than 50 passengers a day earlier.

The two buses carrying 54 passengers, including seven Indians, went missing in the Trishuli River in the landslides at the Simaltal area along the Narayanghat-Mugling road in Chitwan district on Friday. Three people swam to safety later.

The first body from the buses was recovered in the morning from 50 km away from the accident site. The deceased was identified as Rishi Pal Shahi from India, police said.

The body was found half covered by sand in the Narayani River of Chitwan district, police said, adding that he was carrying an Indian ID.

The rescuers in the afternoon recovered two more dead bodies from the Gaindakot area in East Nawalparasi district, police said, adding that both the deceased were Nepali nationals who were missing in the accident. They were passengers of the bus heading towards Kathmandu from Birgunj, they said. Besides Shahi, the other missing Indian nationals were identified as Santosh Thakur, Surendra Sah, Adit Miyaan, Sunil, Shahnawaj Alam, and Ansari.

There were 24 people including seven Indian nationals on board a bus heading towards Kathmandu from Birgunj and another bus heading to Gaur from Kathmandu was carrying 30 local people. The two buses fell into the river as the landslide accompanied by muddy water, triggered by heavy rain, swept them away.

According to Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) and Chitwan District Police Office spokesperson Bhesh Raj Rijal, the deceased Indian national was a passenger of the bus which was heading to Gaur from Kathmandu, *MyRepublica* news portal reported.

Shahi was originally from the Rajmunuwa area of Bihar's Motihari city and used to live and work in Nepal, the report said, quoting his brother. *PTI*

Nepal army personnel look for survivors after two buses were swept by a landslide off a highway near Simaltal | AP

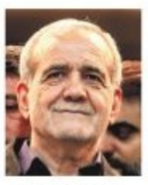
DIPLOMACY

Iran's new prez vows balance in relations with all countries

TEHRAN

IRAN'S newly-elected president said his government will create "balance in relations with all countries' in line with national interests and the prerequisites for peace but stressed to the United States that his country "will not respond to pressure."

Masoud Pezeshkian penned "My Message To The New World" in the country's state-owned *Tehran Times* late Friday, praising the latest presidential election that "demonstrated remarkable stability" and vowing to uphold "promises I made during my campaign."



M Pezeshkian

Pezeshkian, a 69-year-old heart surgeon and longtime lawmaker, bested hard-liner former nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili to clinch July 5's runoff election to replace President Ebrahim Raisi, who was killed in a helicopter crash in May.

He said in his message his administration would 'prioritise strengthening relations with our neighbours' and urged Arab countries to use "all diplomatic leverages" to push for a lasting cease-fire in the ongoing Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza that started October 7.

Iran has long supported the militant group Hamas, and Pezeshkian on Wednesday expressed his all-out support of "the Palestinian resistance" in a message to the group's chief Ismail Haniyeh.

Pezeshkian, in the letter Friday, hailed his country's relations with Russia and China which "consistently stood by us during challenging times."

Pakistan court acquits Imran Khan in illegal marriage case

ISLAMABAD

A Pakistan court overturned ex-prime minister Imran Khan's conviction on illegal marriage charges on Saturday, though he remains jailed over allegations of inciting riots.

Khan was slapped with a trio of convictions in the days before February elections — cases he says were orchestrated to prevent his return to power.

Those cases have now all been at least partially rolled back on appeal, with a treason conviction carrying a decade jail term overturned in April, and a 14-year graft sentence suspended in June, though the conviction still stands. Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi had also been sentenced to seven years for allegedly marrying too soon after her divorce in a breach of Islamic law.

But Islamabad Additional District and Sessions Court judge Afzal Majoka announced Saturday that the "appeals of both Imran Khan and Bushra Bibi are accepted".

Khan remains locked up, though, with a spokesman for his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party saying a court in eastern Lahore had approved his arrest over three cases alleging he incited riots in May 2023. Spokesman Ahmed Janjua said in a statement it was "yet another gimmick to keep the illegal imprisonment prolonged". Earlier this month a UN panel of experts found Khan's detention "had no legal basis and appears to have been intended to disqualify him from running for political office".

"Thus, from the outset, that prosecution was not grounded in law and was reportedly instrumentalised for a political purpose," it said. Candidates loyal to Khan won the most seats in the national election, but were kept from government by an alliance of military-backed rival parties. *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS

THAILAND

GOVT READY TO HOST BIMSTEC NEXT SUMMIT

The government is ready to host the sixth Bimstec Summit in Bangkok on September 4, *The Bangkok Post* reported quoting the country's foreign affairs Minister Maris Sangiampongsa. The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (Bimstec) is an international organisation with seven member states — Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Sangiampongsa highlighted the need for Bimstec to enhance cooperation on non-traditional security issues, the report said.

SINGAPORE

WOMAN ARRESTED OVER HIT-AND-RUN

A 33-year-old woman was arrested on Saturday over a hit-and-run accident that injured a pedestrian. The Straits Times reported that the incident happened in Marsiling around 5.30 am on Friday. After hitting the pedestrian, the driver continued to drive. The 69-year-old pedestrian was attempting to cross a road when the accident happened.

SINGAPORE

SEARCH FOR LANDSLIDE VICTIMS END

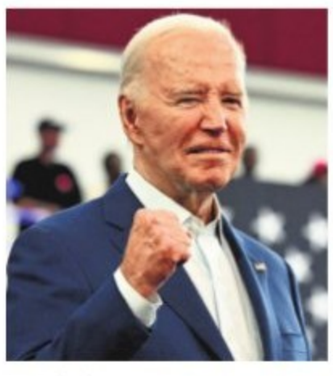
Indonesian rescuers said Saturday they had ended the search for more than a dozen missing people after a landslide near an illegal gold mine killed at least 27. The landslide hit a remote village in Bone Balango district on the central island of Sulawesi a week ago following heavy rain. With the search effort called off and 15 people still missing, the toll could rise further, according to rescue officials. "The search and rescue carried out the operation for seven days according to the standard operating procedure. Today is the last day," local search and rescue agency head said.

Biden signs bill enhancing support for Tibet amid Chinese warnings

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Joe Biden has signed into law a bill which enhances US support for Tibet and promotes dialogue between China and the Dalai Lama toward a peaceful resolution of the dispute over the status and governance of the remote Himalayan region.

China had opposed the Resolve Tibet Act and described it as a destabilising Act. The Act was passed by the House of Representatives last February and it cleared the Senate in May. "Today, I have signed into law S. 138, the 'Promoting a Resolution to the Tibet-China Dispute Act' (the Act). I share the Congress's bipartisan commitment to advancing the human rights of Tibetans and supporting efforts to preserve their distinct linguistic, cultural, and religious heritage," Biden said on Friday in a late-night statement.



Joe Biden | AFP

"My Administration will continue to call on the People's Republic of China to resume direct dialogue, without preconditions, with the Dalai Lama, or his representatives, to seek a settlement that resolves differences and leads to a negotiated agreement on Tibet," Biden said. The 14th Dalai Lama fled Tibet in 1959 and came to India where he set up the government-in-exile at Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh.

From 2002 to 2010, the Dalai Lama's representatives and the Chinese government held nine rounds of dialogue that did not produce any concrete outcome. China views the 89-year-old Tibetan spiritual leader, who is based in India, as a "separatist" who is working to split Tibet from the rest of the country.

The Act does not change longstanding bipartisan US policy to recognise the Tibet Autonomous Region and other Tibetan areas of China as part of the People's Republic of China (PRC) — a policy decision that Biden said falls within his authority to recognise foreign states and the territorial bounds of such states. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

India opens two visa centres in Seattle

Washington: India has launched two new visa and passport centres in Seattle city of Washington state of the US, catering to the needs of the Indian community living in nine Pacific Northwestern states of the US. The two centres in Seattle and Bellevue inaugurated on Friday, come months soon after the opening of the newest Indian Consulate in Seattle

Taiwan on alert as China test-fires missiles

Taipei: Taiwan's Defence Ministry said Saturday it was monitoring "waves of test-firing" by China's missile unit in a region more than 1,600 kilometres the self-ruled island and that its air force stepped up its alertness. According to Taiwan's military news agency, the ministry had detected 'multiple waves of test-firing operations' by China's Rocket Force in Inner Mongolia

Judge throws out case against Baldwin

Alec Baldwin's trial for involuntary manslaughter collapsed in spectacular fashion on Friday as a judge found key evidence over a fatal shooting on the set of *Rust* had been withheld from the defence, and dismissed the case

H Hutchins | Alec Baldwin

DEATH OF HALYNA HUTCHINS

Baldwin was pointing a revolver at cinematographer Halyna Hutchins during a rehearsal in a small church on the movie set at Bonanza Creek Ranch in October 2021 when the gun went off, killing her

Baldwin was charged with felony involuntary manslaughter and faced up to 18 months in prison if convicted

'EVIDENCE BURIED'

Judge Mary Marlowe Sommer dismissed the case based on misconduct of police and prosecutors over withholding of evidence from the defence

The case-ending evidence was ammunition that was brought into the sheriff's office in March by a man who said it could be related to Hutchins' killing

Prosecutors said they deemed the ammo unrelated and unimportant, while Baldwin's lawyers alleged they "buried" it

The evidence was collected but was not put into the same file as the rest of the "Rust" case, and it was not presented to Baldwin's team when they examined ballistics evidence in April

$150 MN loss at which Japan's Softbank investment arm Softbank Vision Fund exited from Paytm in the June quarter, sources aware of the development said.

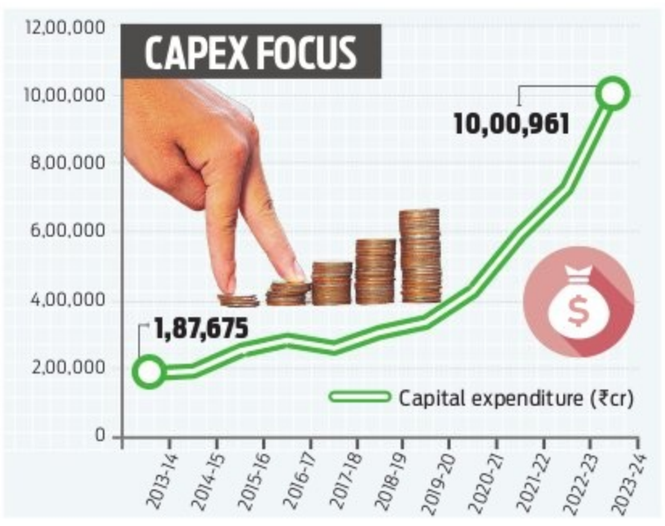
Capex drive may hit Budget hurdle

Compulsion of coalition may force NDA govt to shun its fiscal fundamental approach

DIPAK MONDAL @New Delhi

THE Narendra Modi-led government, since it took reins in 2014, has boasted of creating infrastructure at an unprecedented pace. In the first 10 years of his government's tenure, the government has increased allocation to capital expenditure – spendings on creating infrastructure and other productive assets – by over five times.

As finance minister Nirmala Sithraman readies herself to present the full Budget for 2024-25 on July 23, the question that bugs everyone is whether she would make enough provision to help the government maintain the pace of infrastructure spending. In the interim Budget in February, the government had increased the capex allocation by 11% to ₹11.11 lakh crore, which is much lower than the 37% hike in allocation in the previous year. Budget allocation for capex during the past 10 years of the Modi government grew at a compounded annual growth rate of just over 18%.



Changed scenario

Many things have changed since February – both in terms of government finances as well as politically. The Narendra Modi government has come back to power but with lower number of seats. The BJP on its own has not won the full majority and has to depend on allies cross the 272-mark needed for majority in parliament. Despite managing the economy relatively well over the past five years, the government has not been able to create enough jobs, and the public in general has been feeling the heat of inflation and high tax burden.

The general election results, where it could win only 244 seats (down from 303 in 2019), made the public anger palpable. There is, therefore, a strong sense that the forthcoming budget might force the government to 'splurge' in more populist measures. The compulsion of coalition politics may force the NDA government to shun its fiscal fundamental approach. The two majorallies of the government – TDP in Andhra Pradesh and JD(U) in Bihar – have been asking for special package for their respective states. TDP has demanded a package of more than ₹1 lakh crore for Andhra Pradesh spread over five years. JD(U) has demanded a ₹30,000 crore package for Bihar.

The government finances have got a big boost from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) with ₹2.11 lakh crore dividends for FY25, which is over ₹1 lakh crore more than what was estimated in the interim budget. It can use this to rev up both capex as well as revenue expenditure, which is used mostly for paying salaries and pension. Though some economists believe the government may use this to further consolidate its fiscal position by lowering the fiscal deficit from 5.1% to 5-4.9%.

More fiscal space

According to Gaura Sen Gipta, chief economist at IDFC Bank, the RBI dividend which was significantly higher than expected has provided extra fiscal space of 0.4% of GDP. "Some of the fiscal space will be channelled into providing support to rural economy which has been on a weak footing. Centre's support to state governments is also another area which could see increased allocation," she says.

However, there is speculation that there could be tax changes to provide support to consumption demand which has been subdued. If that happens, the fiscal space created after the RBI dividend might get constricted, constraining the government from going on a capex overdrive.

"The path of fiscal consolidation will have no bearing on the continuity of quality of expenditure and the capital expenditure may be marginally increased or maintained at the same level as in the Interim Budget at ₹11.11 lakh crore depending on absorptive capacity for the rest of the fiscal year, says Sandeep Vempati, an economist affiliated to BJP.

According to Nomura, the overall expenditure in the budget may go up by 0.2% of the GDP after incorporating the financial demands of the two allies – TDP and JD(U).

"Of this, we expect ₹30,000 crore increase in capex outlays and an increase in the revenue expenditure to 11.3% of GDP from 11.2% of GDP in the interim budget," says Nomura.

An SBI report pegs the Capex allocation at Rs 11.8 lakh crore, ₹70,000 more than what was allocated in the interim Budget. "Capital expenditure which was budgeted at Rs 11.1 lakh crore in the interim budget is expected to increase to Rs 11.8 lakh crore in the upcoming budget.

Thus, the total capex of the government (capex through budget & CPSE and grants for creation of capital assets) is likely to increase to ₹19.1 lakh crore in FY25 (from ₹18.4 lakh crore earlier)," says the SBI report.

NEWSCOPE

THERE IS NO STOPPING THE GROWING GODMEN BUSINESS

GURBIR SINGH

WHY is the state pussyfooting when godmen are drumming up hundreds of crores in shady businesses, and are proven sexual predators? Why does it take a tragedy like Hathras to bring the dusty issue back on the table?

'Bhole Baba', formerly Constable Suraj Pal Singh, was the organizer of a 'Satsang' at Hathras where a stampede ensued and killed off 121. He wears white suits and designer sunglasses and has a wide following among Dalit women in UP. The state government has suspended half a dozen local officers but Bhole Baba, holed up in his Mainpuri Ashram, remains free.

Not even an F.I.R. against him! Shouldn't the chief of the religious order take the hit for overcrowding and neglecting security precautions? The Special Investigation Team (SIT) does not think so. In its report it has said it was "the organizers' fault and negligence by the Police and administration." Justifying the whitewash, they fear arresting 'Bhole Baba' could become a 'law and order' problem.

In the case of Baba Ramdev, the battle to stop the marketing of suspect drugs has going on for years. It is only after an angry Supreme Court cried halt that 14 black-listed products have been taken off the shelves by the Baba's company, Patanjali Ayurved. These included eyedrops that claimed a cure for glaucoma and cataract, and 'Coronil', advertised as the answer to the Covid-19 virus.

This free run to Patanjali for over a decade was only possible as the Union Ministry of Ayush – the monitoring authority – turned a blind eye to the violations.

Baba networking

Baba Ramdev has grown commercially popularizing yoga, and hooking on to the penchant for traditional 'grandmother' medicines. Though ayurveda is a medical science, many of Ramdev's 'remedies' are proven duds. His 'baba' posture and his athletic PRhas been cleverly used to build the Patanjali Group into an over-Rs 1,600 crore business enterprise.

Godmen in India, like everywhere else, pose as the bridge between humans and God. They use fear, despair, and the craving to leave the misery of the daily grind. They offer a supernatural answer to the woes on earth via 'hope' and 'miracles'. They take credit for what in most cases is a natural occurrence. A baby boy born, a cure for a medical affliction are usually normal biological processes – but for the believer, it is the talisman or the blessing of the Godman.

And then there are the Godmen of the rich, and the Godmen of the poor. Tantrik Jagadacharya Chadraswami, born Nimichand Jain, has vanished into oblivion but in the Rajiv

Mandar Pardikar

Gandhi era he was the rich man's Godman. His is a typical case of building followership through association. That he was the spiritual guru of three Prime Ministers – P.V. Narasimha Rao, Chandra Shekhar and V.P. Singh – made him fashionable.

In between zipping on businessman Adnan Khashoggi's yacht and partying in the Mediterranean with the Sultan of Brunei, Chandraswami gave discourses that justified material pleasure to those uncomfortable with their riches. There was also 'Bhagwan Rajneesh'. Guru to thousands of flowerchildren swaying to opiates, he preached a practical path of detached redemption here-and-now.

There are the 'mass' gurus too. Mata Amritanandamayi, alias 'Amma', a Kerala born spiritualist, whose winning smile and miracle hugs has captured the imagination of millions. She runs the Amritanandamayi Trust, whose assets are valued at over ₹1,500 crore.

How Guru power works

The Godman business works because it has the patronage of those in power. Prime Ministers, senior IAS officers, judges andcorporate heads lean on spiritual gurus for both philosophical solace and daily decision-making. Chitra Ramakrishna, former National Stock Exchange (NSE) CEO, publicly acknowledged she was professionally guided by a Himalayan Yogi 'Sironmani' for over 20 years.

The flipside is the government also fears the 'mass' gurus for the clout they wield. Sample the case of Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, preacher, songwriter and movie producer. As head of the Dera Sacha Sauda (DSS), a messianic body of Dalit devotees drawn from Punjab, Haryana and other northern states, Gurmeet has openly exhorted his supporters cast their political vote on his direction.

Currently serving a 20-year sentence formurder and rape, he holds the record for the number of paroles he has been given. After his 9th parole in January this year, the Punjab & Haryana High Court had to step in to stop the malpractice. Despite his incarceration, Ram Rahim's financial clout is legend, and estimated at Rs 1,453 crore.

Beyond the dark business practices, many of these Godmen are serial sexual predators and must be halted. There is no shortage of teeth like the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013 that defines 'rape'. But will the government use them?

Then there is the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 which prohibits advertisements of drugs and remedies that claim to have magical properties, and makes them a cognizable offence.

Maharashtra has its own Prevention and Eradication of Human Sacrifice, and Black Magic Act, 2013, which should be extended to the rest of the country. The act criminalizes practices related to black magic, human sacrifices, and use of magic remedies which exploit people's superstitions. It was lobbied and drafted by well-known rationalist, Narendra Dabholkar; but the irony is he fell to a messianic right-wing assassin's bullet in 2013.

J Ravi to get addl charge of BSNL chairman & MD

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

BSNL is set for a leadership change as the government has declined to extend term of current Chairman and managing director (CMD), PK Purwar.

Robert J Ravi, a senior Department of Telecom (DoT) officer, will be given additional responsibility of heading the state-owned telecom giant. Purwar, who has led BSNL since July 2019, had sought an extension of his five-year term, but the government has decided against it. As per an official, DoT is considering appointing DDG Ravi to take on the additional charge.

Net direct tax collections grow 19.5% to ₹5.74 crore so far this financial year

MONIKA YADAV @New Delhi

NET direct tax collection for financial year 2024-25 surged to ₹5.74 lakh crore by July 11, 2024, a rise of 19.54% compared to the previous fiscal year, as per the latest figures released by the income tax department. Last year, during the same period, the net collection stood at ₹4.80 lakh crore.

The gross collection of direct tax rose to ₹6.45 lakh crore, a growth of 23.24% as against the previous period. In addition, income tax refunds reached ₹70,902 crore, a growth of 64.49% compared to the previous fiscal year.

As per the data, out of the total net collection of ₹5.74 lakh crore in direct tax as of July 11, 2024, personal income tax contributed ₹3.46 lakh crore, corporate tax contributed ₹2.10 lakh crore, securities transaction tax (STT) receipts were at ₹16,634 crore, and 'other taxes' accounted for ₹1,413 crore. Other taxes include equalisation levy, fringe benefit tax, wealth tax, banking cash transaction tax, hotel receipt tax, interest tax, expenditure tax, estate duty and gift tax.

Meanwhile, net corporate tax collections from April 1 to July 11 registered a 12.5% growth over the corresponding period last year, reaching ₹2.1 lakh crore, while personal income tax, including securities transaction tax, saw a 24% increase to Rs 3.64 lakh crore. Gross direct tax collections, excluding refunds, surged by 23.2% compared to the same period last year, reaching ₹6.45 lakh crore, as per the latest data.

MSMEs: Hidden gems need better mentorship to shine

SHRIJEET MISHRA

SOMETIMES competitive advantage over rivals and self-improvement come from strengthening what lies beneath surface — our hidden gems.

India's growth story often spotlights large corporations and start-ups, overlooking a crucial engine of progress for India, MSMEs. They possess the agility of start-ups and the stability of larger corporations while significantly driving employment, innovation and economic growth. Recently, the number of registered MSMEs on Udyam Portal crossed 4.5 crore mark, employing over 20 crore. MSMEs are pivotal for job generation, especially as India holds the largest share of the global workforce.

MSMEs weave local dynamism into economic fabric via their spirit of entrepreneurship, innovation and collaboration. Typically founded by individuals or small groups with bright ideas, limited resources and unlimited perseverance, they exhibit an exceptional ability to adapt and evolve. Like a nimble turbo-charged car, they can turn, pivot and manoeuvre with greater swiftness than larger organisations.

India offers several success enablers for MSMEs. Union

Budget 2023-24 earmarked ₹22,138 crore for MSME ministry, 41.6% higher than the preceding fiscal year. As a global hub of advanced technologies, India provides access to digital solutions and a skilled workforce proficient in artificial intelligence, machine learning, cloud computing and more. These technological advancements empower MSMEs to streamline operations, enhance productivity and deliver value to customers.

Our starry firmament of start-ups, incubators, accelerators, and venture capital firms offers cost-effective and disruptive solutions for MSMEs across sectors. To support the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat, initiatives like the MSME Innovative Scheme aim to create employment, boost entrepreneurship, adopt new technologies, enhance GDP and exports through MSMEs.

Despite their entrepreneurial chutzpah, several challenges persist, including issues with customer-centric offerings, skilled manpower, infrastructure, and automation. Successful transformation for MSMEs requires mentorships and partnerships that bring together diverse talents. Engaging with local communities and social groups through initiatives enhances brand reputation and helps companies understand consumer needs. Public-private partnerships are vital for driving digital innovation and solutions. Educational institutions should provide necessary skills training, while community programmes can increase awareness and digital literacy. Building an ecosystem of strong partners in business, society and with experts is more than just a strategy; it's a mindset that is the key to unlocking the full potential of MSMEs. MSMEs are the hidden gems of India and hold a competitive advantage globally.

If the forthcoming Budget provides impetus to the MSME sector, a fillip to growth and employment can be expected.

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Canara Bank organized "All India Seminar" in Gurugram

Canara Bank organized an "All India Seminar" on 04.07.2024 at Canara Bank Centre of Excellence, Gurugram, under the aegis of Coordination Committee on training in Hindi, College of Agricultural Banking, RBI. In the seminar articles were presented on topic "Role of Indian Languages in promoting Fintech for Digital India". The Chief Guest of the programme was Ms. Anshuli Arya, Secretary, Department of Official Language, Home Ministry. The programme was presided over by Ashok Chandra, Executive Director, Canara Bank. Shri Jaikis, Principal, College of Agricultural Banking, Reserve Bank of India, Arvind Kumar Chaturvedi, General Manager, Central Office, RBI, Dharambir, Deputy Director, Department of Financial Services, Finance Ministry, Government of India, Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Chief General Manager, Canara Bank, Circle Office, Delhi, among others.

Business & Beyond

Saplings planted at SAIL Corp Office to celebrate Van Mahotsav under 'Ek Ped MaaKeNaam' campaign

New Delhi:As part of the Van Mahotsav 2024, saplings were planted at SteelAuthority of India Limited's (SAIL's) Corporate Office at Lodi Road on 3rd July 2024. This plantation is part of company's commitment towards sustainability and greener steel making. Saplings were planted by Shri Amarendu Prakash, Chairman, SAIL &Shri VS Chakravarthy, Director (Commercial), Shri AK Tulsiani, Director (Finance), Shri KK Singh, Director (Personnel) and Shri SN Gupta, CVO, SAIL. Senior officials and employees also joined in the event.

SBI unveils 'MSME Sahaj' – end-to-end digital invoice financing MSME loans with TAT in 15 minutes

Mumbai: State Bank of India (SBI), nation's largest bank, has announced launch of "MSME Sahaj", a Web Based Digital Business Loans Solution for MSMEs' Invoice Financing. A data-driven invoice financing credit assessment engine, which will provide solution from applying loan, documentation and disbursement of sanctioned loan within 15 minutes, without manual intervention. The closure of loan on due date is automated and is carried out by system itself. Using "MSME Sahaj", Bank's customers can avail finance against their GST registered sales invoices of up to ₹1 lac in less than 15 minutes.

Consistent growth in SER's freight loading

Kolkata: South Eastern Railway has loaded 52.33 million tonne (MT) of originating freight in Q1 (April-June) of current financial year 2024-25, which is 3.75% higher than the corresponding period of the previous financial year. There has been a rise of 5.78% in originating freight revenue in April-June, 2024 in comparison to the same period of 2023. During April-June 2024, revenue generation from originating freight loading has been ₹4764.52 crore as against ₹4505.14 crore during the same period of the previous year. SER has loaded 26.93 MT of Iron ore during April-June 2024.

Shri Dhootapapeshwar - 150 years in Ayurvedic medicines manufacturing

Mumbai: "Service of Ayurvedis service to mankind" has always been Shree Dhootapapeshwar Ltd's driving principle since it's foundation at Panvel in 1872 by Late Krushnashastri Puranik. On 30th June, 2024 the company celebrates its 152nd year of journey of seamlessly delivering Ayurved excellence by manufacturing Safe, Authentic, Standardised and Efficacious healthcare formulations, batch after batch. The company's medicines are manufactured at its GMP and ISO certified manufacturing units located at Panvel and Bangalore and are easily available today in India and outside India.

Evra found guilty of abandoning family: Lawyer

Former France football captain Patrice Evra was found guilty of abandoning his family by a French court, his lawyer allegedly told a news agency on Saturday. Evra, a defender who won 81 France caps and played for Manchester United and Juventus, has appealed against the decision handed down by a court in Nanterre in the Paris suburbs, said his lawyer, Jerome Boursican.

Sportcampus, Saar, the facility in Saarbrucken, has been the hub for athletes to prepare for the Paris games | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

TRAIN TO PARIS

Tucked away in West Germany is Saarbrucken, a small city, where athletes have descended to prepare for the big dance. *Indraneel Das* finds out why they have made it their base...

Sunday Special

LAST leg of preparation is like Act IV of a five-act play. You know where the play is heading to but still wait for the climax patiently lest there is a late twist. You know almost all the central characters. Intrigue and plots are slowly getting unravelled as the hero makes that last-grasp plunge for immortality. Just before any major events, athletes too face a similar predicament. Training is almost over. They know where they stand but still have to prepare for the finish line.

Living in a happy bubble. Last-minute adjustments if required. Getting used to the conditions and getting whatever help to boost confidence and remain positive. Seeking better training facilities ahead of the 2024 Olympics is one vocation the athletes will never compromise. It's because of this that training centres like Sportcampus, Saar, have grown in prominence. Its proximity to Paris, its similar weather conditions and easy mode of conveyance have made this centre one of the most sought after. More than 400 athletes (and support staff) from 27 countries and five continents are training there. The chief operating and marketing officer of the centre, Johannes Kopkow, during a virtual interaction with this daily, spoke about the centre and more. He outlined how they have taken care of the Indian boxers' requirements, about Neeraj Chopra, catering to 400 athletes' diet and facilities available at the centre. "One big advantage is that we have everything in one point. You can sleep, you can eat, you can train, you have doctors, physiotherapists. Another advantage is that we are in Germany, which means everything is organised and will work. And the third thing is that we are one hour 45 minutes (on a high speed train) away from Paris," said Kopkow. Apart from the distance, the city is in the same time and climate zone so it will be easy for athletes to acclimatise. "We have in total around 400 guests from 27 different nations and five continents. We have the whole national team of Nigeria with us (except their women's soccer team). We have a big international boxing camp where boxers (across weight categories) from a lot of other nations (including India) are here. That's the biggest camp we have here in one sport. Then we have Olympic medallists PV Sindhu and Neeraj (until July 7). We are hosting both the flag-bearers of India," he said.

The COO said that Neeraj is one of the high-profile athletes the campus has hosted after Patrick Franziska, German international table tennis star and some Belgian athletes. The Tokyo Olympics gold medallist was at the centre in 2022 (before the Commonwealth Games which he missed due to injury). "He was the most famous athlete but not the first or last one, but one of the most known international ones," Kopkow said. "We had Franziska and other Belgian athletes but he (Neeraj) was the first one when we thought we should open the facility for not just national but international athletes as well."

Kopkow spoke about how the centre has given Neeraj an apartment for him and his support staff. He also spoke about Sindhu's tent-like structure in her room where she sleeps (hypoxic chamber) and the bed lying outside. Elaborating on the cook, the COO said that the Boxing Federation of India had requested for a separate kitchen so that they can cook. "They said it would be good to bring a cook so that boxers can have the same food here. So we provided them with a space in the kitchen and another space where they can eat." Since the demand for food is different for different countries/athletes, they have caterers who handle this. "We have caterers who provide international food. For example,we can't provide beef to Indian athletes. They need chicken or maybe lamb while others need chicken and beef or steak. "

They also have a regeneration area with cold tubes, sauna and infrared cabin. "We have a big physiotherapy company called SportsMed. There are around 20 physiotherapists and athletic coaches on their payroll. Former national team doctor of the German soccer men's team, Professor Dr Tim Mayer, is our neighbour (100m from our campus). He has all the contacts for any medical needs. In the first week, I think one of your (Indian) boxers had problems and she needed medical attention. So she went there."

As of now, countries like Australia, Philippines, Mongolia, South Africa, Nigeria, United States, Canada, Germany, Finland, Norway, Belgium are training. The facility has gained traction and since it is located centrally in Europe, it might become one of the most sought-after destinations for European competitions.

Full story:newindianexpress.com

JOHANNES KOPKOW, COO of Sportcampus Saar

Future collides with present & past

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Chennai

THE general theme of the three big sporting showdowns on Sunday has an air of the current king either battling with the prince or against the future heir. In London, it will be Novak Djokovic against Carlos Alcaraz.

In Berlin, Spain seek a record fourth crown at the Euros. Their opponents, England, aim for a first crown. Across the Atlantic, Argentina, with a win in the Copa America final, will have a record 16th title. If Colombia win, it will only be their second continental win. For Colombia, both Luiz Diaz, the country's future, will have the support of James Rodriguez, the sport's current emperor. You can get a similar parallel for Argentina—Lionel Messi and Julian Alvarez.

Staying with Messi, there is potentially a bigger passing of the crown moment. Five hours before Messi leads the famous sky blue of Argentina out onto Miami's Hard Rock Stadium, Spain will walk out onto the Olympiastadion in Berlin. One of their 11 players will be Lamine Yamal, the 17-year-old who has, during the course of the event, become one of the most famous teenagers on the planet. If Messi, at 37, is in the December third week of his career, Yamal, 20 years his junior, is in the January of his life. Even their noises during the tournament is a reminder of where they are in, currently. "These are the last battles," Messi had said before the semifinal against Canada. Sometime before Spain's last 16 clash against Georgia, Yamal, then 16, had found out he had passed his 4th year ESO school exams (their equivalent of Class 10).

Even on the field, it's become apparent that a baton is being handed over. If you were to plot the relative outputs of both Messi and Yamal on a graph and how they have helped their sides, Messi's would be a dot, clustered together with other players. Not a hindrance but nothing too extraordinary. On the other hand, Yamal would be a readily identifiable dot in the graph's extremes. For he has influenced multiple games, takes on his man and plays like a kid free of any baggage. Against France in the semifinal on Tuesday night, Yamal shape-shifted a high-stakes contest. What makes Yamal so special is that he's already breathing the rarefied air reserved for the greatest. He can cut inside, he can beat his man on the outside, he can clip first-time crosses... the options he has at 17 is staggering.

A few days before that piece of Museum-worthy artistry against France, a photo did the rounds. It contained a 20-year-old Messi bathing a six-month Yamal. Shot by Diario Sport, it was for a charity calendar in 2008. You can't help but philosophize the photo for it really belongs in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, like Iron Man blessing his kid or something. "It's one of life's coincidences," Mounir Nasraoui, Yamal's father, was quoted as saying by *The Athletic*. "Maybe Lamine was giving it to Leo," was how Nasraoui responded when it was suggested to him that Messi was blessing the baby with his powers. Here's the thing. Yamal at 16 was how Messi was at 19-20. At 16, Messi was still honing his skills. He started influencing games a few years later. This is of course not to suggest Yamal will go on to emulate and eventually rewrite whatever Messi did at Barcelona. The same *Athletic* piece has a warning. Yamal overtook Johan Vonlanthen as the youngest goal-scorer in the history of the tournament. These days, Vonlanthen, 37 now, 'returned to Colombia, the country where he was born, and became a Seventh-day Adventist'.

The stage, then, is set. In Berlin and across the Atlantic in Miami, football will look to see if the prince is ready to take over.

Final frontier

Spain head into the final of the Euros as favourites but England's players are capable of individual brilliance. A look at the clash...

MARC CUCURELLA VS BUKAYO SAKA

In a match between Arsenal and Chelsea earlier this year, the Arsenal winger tore into Cucurella. The Gunners won 5-0 with Saka instrumental. Cucurella has had an outstanding Euros so far but this is one test he will not want to fail.

LACINE YAMAL VS KIERAN TRIPPIER

Yamal, who celebrated his 17th birthday on Saturday, is in the conversation for the best player of the tournament. That's the effect he has had on the tournament. Trippier isn't England's best left-sided defender but England will deploy him, primarily to track Yamal and keep tabs on him.

Live on Sony Pictures Networks (12:30am IST, Monday)

England: Pickford (1), Walker (2), Stones (5), Guehi (6), Saka (7), Mainoo (26), Rice (4), Trippier (12), Foden (11), Bellingham (10), Kane (9).

Spain: Simon (23), Carvajal (2), Le Normond (3), Laporte (14), Cucurella (24), Rodri (16), Ruiz (8), Olmo (10), Yamal (19), Nico (17), Morata (7).

3 Spain have won the tournament thrice (1964, 2008, 2012) while England are yet to win a single edition

2 ngland are in the final of the Euros for only the second time (in 2021, they lost in the final against Italy)

3 Harry Kane and Dani Olmo are the joint-leaders with three goals each. Olmo, in fact, is chasing a goal in each knockout match

Seeking Copa glory

ARGENTINA CAN RETAIN THE COPA AMERICA BUT COLOMBIA, ON A LONG UNBEATEN RUN, WILL BE NO PUSHOVERS. A LOOK AT THE TITLE CLASH...

Rodriguez's influence

Luis Diaz has been his own self, his all-action style putting defenders on edge. But it's the man on the other flank who has led Colombia this far. The inspirational Rodriguez, who has already set a Copa record for assists in a single edition (six so far), may have lost a yard of pace but his vision remains. Albiceleste can ill afford to give him space.

Argentina's defensive prowess

With Lionel Messi still feeling the effects of a thigh injury and rotating forwards, Argentina haven't had a great attacking performance so far. But they haven't had to as their impressive midfield and defence have allowed only one goal in five games (against Ecuador in the semis). Their xG against is under 3.2, which tells you everything you need to know about the way Alexis Mac Allister and Co have marshalled the troops.

3 Argentina will feature in a third consecutive major final (they have won each of their last two)

1 Colombia have won only Copa America title previously (2001)

Argentina: Martinez (23), Montiel (4), Romero (13), Lisandro (25), Tagliafico (3), De Paul (7), Alexis (20), Enzo (24), Messi (10), Nico (15), Alvarez (22).

Colombia: Vargas (12), Ariaz (4), Sanchez (23), Cuesta (2), Mojica (17), Uribe (15), Lerma (16), Arias (11), Rodriguez (10), Diaz (7), Cordoba (24).

5.30 AM on Monday

DC part ways with Ponting

NEW DELHI: Delhi Capitals on Saturday parted ways with head coach Ricky Ponting after seven unsuccessful years in their quest for an elusive IPL silverware, the franchise announced on social media. While it is still early, Sourav Ganguly, the current Team Director of DC, could double up as the head coach. 'As you move on as our head coach, we are finding it incredibly difficult to put it down in words. The four things that you told us about in every huddle -- care, commitment, attitude and effort, they sum up our seven years together,' DC posted on their official 'X' handle.

Jaiswal hits unbeaten 93 as India seal T20I series

AGENCIES @ Harare

INDIA made a mockery of a 153-run target as they crushed Zimbabwe by 10 wickets in the fourth T20 International to take an unassailable 3-1 lead in the five-match series here on Saturday.

Yashasvi Jaiswal hammered an unbeaten 93 off 52 balls with 12 fours and two sixes as India showed no qualms in knocking off the target, winning comfortably with 4.4 overs to spare. Skipper Shubman Gill happily played the second fiddle as Jaiswal tore down the Zimbabwe bowling attack with disdain in a knock replete with boundaries all around the Harare Sports Club. Yet, Gill finished at 58 not out off 39 balls with two sixes and six fours.

India had earlier won the second and the third T20Is after suffering a surprise defeat in the opening match here. **Brief scores:** Zimbabwe 152/7 in 20 ovs (Marumani 32, Raza 46) **lost to** India: 156 for no loss in 15.2 ovs (Jaiswal 93 n.o, Gill 58 n.o).

EXPRESS READ

ICC Board to discuss WC US leg expenses

NEW DELHI: The United States-leg of the T20 World Cup is believed to have exceeded the budget of around USD 150 million and the all-powerful ICC Board will discuss the losses suffered when it meets during the Annual Conference in Colombo on July 19. Whil it is difficult to quote a figure of losses but there is feeling among prominent board members that losses for the US-leg of the tournament could run into millions.

Gukesh and Pragg to headline Indian team

CHENNAI: D Gukesh and R Praggnanandhaa are notable Indian names who will take part in the upcoming Chess Olympiad set to be held in Hungary in September. Gukesh will treat the event as dress rehearsal leading up to the summit clash. The 18-year-old has been on a great run this year, having won the prestigious Candidates event in Toronto earlier in April to become the youngest to compete in the World C'ship.

Antim, Aman will be seeded at Paris Oly

PARIS: World Championships bronze medallist Antim Panghal (women's 53kg) and immensely talented Aman Sehrawat (men's freestyle 57kg) have been seeded fourth and sixth in their respective weight categories which should help them avoid tough rivals in the initial bouts of the wrestling meet at the Paris Olympics. Wrestling events will commence on August 5 and conclude on August 11, the last day of the Games.

WIMBLEDON

26 years on, Krejcikova follows late coach Novotna's path to glory

AGENCIES @ London

BARBORA Krejcikova won Wimbledon for her second Grand Slam title with a 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 victory over Jasmine Paolini in the final on Saturday.

The 28-year-old joins her late coach Jana Novotna, who won the Wimbledon title in 1998, and a long list of from the Czech Republic stalwarts to win a major on grass. In fact, Marketa Vondrousova, another Czech star, won the Wimbledon title in 2023.

Krejcikova adds this trophy to her championship at the French Open in 2021. She was unseeded in Paris back then and was only the 31st of 32 seeds at the All England Club after illness and a back injury this season limited her to a 7-9 record entering this tournament. Krejcikova is the eighth woman to leave Wimbledon as the champion in the past eight editions of the event. Last year's champion also is from the Czech Republic: unseeded Marketa Vondrousova, who lost in the first round last week. The seventh-seeded Paolini was the runner-up at the French Open last month and is the first woman since Serena Williams in 2016 to get to the finals at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in the same season. Both finalists Saturday took turns being charge of the run of play.

Barbora Krejcikova celebrates with her family after winning the Wimbledon title | AFP

Enjoy Wimbledon 2024 with 'Jumble' done

Unscramble these jumbles to get a famous tennis player's second name (popular name). e.g Paes for Leander Paes

THE DAILY HINT

The alphabet in the circle/s to be saved as they will form part of the final answer.

DAY 13

He is the youngest-ever winner of the Wimbledon gentleman's singles title at 17 years of age

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Playing coolly and efficiently, Krejcikova claimed 10 of the first 11 points and quickly owned a double-break lead at 5-1. Paolini did try to shake things up a bit, with the occasional serve-and-volley rush forward or drop shot, but she couldn't solve Krejcikova. Not yet, anyway. After the lopsided first set, Paolini went to the locker room. She emerged a different player, winnin the second set.

At 3-all in the deciding set, it was Paolini who faltered, double-faulting for the only time all afternoon to get broken. Krejcikova, from thereon, persisted to win her second major title.

Result: Barbora Krejcikova (CZE x31) **bt** Jasmine Paolini (ITA x7) 6-2, 2-6, 6-4

REGAL BATTLE

In a repeat of last year's final, Carlos Alcaraz faces Novak Djokovic with lots at stake. A look...

Djokovic		Alcaraz
Serbia	Country	Spain
37	Age	21
2	Ranking	3
3	H2H*	2
0	Singles titles in 2024	2
24	Majors	3

25 Djokovic is a win away from owning the most number of singles Majors across genders (currently tied with Margaret Court)

* Only two of their five matches have come at a Major with the series tied 1-1 (in the 2023 Wimbledon final, Alcaraz beat Djokovic in five sets)

Live on Star Sports and Hotstar (6 PM IST, Sunday)

Family stability

"It goes without saying that a stable family which is emotionally connected and secure gives stability to the society. For, it is within the family that precious values of life are learnt and built," Justice nagratna said

The Supreme Court's recent ruling on Muslim women having the choice of invoking the secular law under the Criminal Procedure Code for alimony as against the restrictive provisions of the personal law under the 1986 Act, has been hailed by the community as a salutary step towards empowerment

GIVING DIVORCED MUSLIM WOMEN THEIR DUE

IN what was hailed as a verdict that enhanced Muslim women's empowerment, the Supreme Court cleared the judicial cobwebs on their right to maintenance, saying they have the choice to seek remedy from their spouses under both secular and personal laws. Multiple Constitution bench rulings had made the same points in the past, yet the confusion persisted because of a bunch of subsequent contradictory rulings by various high courts.

Section 125 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) that deals with maintenance of the wife, children and parents, is religion neutral and can be invoked by all women, including Muslim women, a bench of justices B V Nagarathna and Augustine George Masih ruled in separate but concurring verdicts. The bench was disposing of an appeal by Mohd Abdul Samad challenging a Telangana High Court order last year, which had modified a family court's directive in 2019. The high court had lowered the interim maintenance payable by him to his divorced wife from ₹20,000 per month to ₹10,000 a month.

The litigation

After marriage on November 15, 2012, their relationship deteriorated and Samad's wife left the matrimonial home on April 9, 2016. Subsequently, she initiated criminal proceedings against him on the grounds of cruelty and criminal breach of trust. Samad divorced her through triple talaq on September 25, 2017. A couple of months later, he was granted an ex parte divorce certificate under the Islamic law.

Samad claimed he tried to send ₹15,000 as maintenance for the *iddat* period (three months after divorce) mandated by the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986, but his wife rejected it and moved a petition for interim maintenance under Section 125(1) of the CrPC before the family court. He questioned the maintainability of her petition under the secular CrPC, arguing the 1986 Act should apply in the case instead. Samad cited several case laws to argue that a special law like the 1986 Act supersedes the general CrPC in its application. While the 1986 Act limits the husband's responsibility for alimony to the *iddat*, the secular law has no such ceiling.

The court agreed with amicus curiae Gaurav Agrawal that remedy under a secular statutory provision of Section 125 of the CrPC is not foreclosed for a divorced Muslim woman through the enactment of a personal law under Section 3 of the 1986 Act to limit the extent of maintenance.

Social justice tool

In multiple previous verdicts, the Supreme Court had described Section 125 of the CrPC as a social justice tool to protect the rights of the weaker sections, irrespective of personal laws, adding the objective is to prevent vagrancy and destitution. Its enactment, they observed, was part of a deliberate secular design to enforce the humane obligation of maintenance or its equivalent. It is not confined to members of one religion or region, but the entire womanhood.

The first big step towards equitable alimony came from the landmark Shah Bano case verdict in 1985, where the Supreme Court for the first time allowed maintenance beyond the period of *iddat* by a Muslim husband to his divorced wife who was unable to maintain herself. A Constitution bench led by the then Chief Justice of India Y V Chandrachud, father of the present CJI, unanimously held that the obligation of such a husband would not be affected by the existence of any personal law, adding independent remedy for seeking maintenance under Section 125 of CrPC was always available to the wife. It emphasised that Section 125(3) of the CrPC had overriding powers over any personal law.

As the verdict shook up the Muslim patriarchy like never before, Parliament during Rajiv Gandhi's watch as prime minister, introduced a workaround 1986 Act, which restricted the alimony to be paid by the husband to the divorced wife within the iddat period. The Act passed on the onus of monetary support to the hapless woman thereafter to her other relatives or from the Wakf Board. This was widely panned as a ploy to negate the Shah Bano case verdict and challenged in the Supreme Court.

THE LANDMARK SHAH BANO CASE

A five-judge Constitution bench of the Supreme Court broke new ground in the 1985 Shah Bano Begum case by unanimously ruling that Muslim women were entitled to maintenance under the secular law

That bench was led by the then Chief Justice of India Y V Chandrachud. It included Justices Rangnath Misra, D A Desai, O Chinnappa Reddy and E S Venkataramiah. Justice Chandrachud is the father of the present CJI D Y Chandrachud

The bench held that the obligation of a husband would not be diminished by the existence of any personal law, adding the independent remedy for seeking maintenance under Section 125 of the CrPC is always available for the divorced wife

If there is any conflict between the secular and personal law on maintenance, Section 125 of CrPC will have an overriding effect, the bench ruled

The 1985 verdict said the wife has the right to refuse to live with her husband who has contracted another marriage, let alone three or four other marriages

Shah Bano had initially sought maintenance from her husband Mohd Ahmed Khan who had divorced her through triple talaq

The verdict drew a firestorm of protest from the Muslim community as it stipulated that the husband had to pay maintenance to his divorced wife beyond the *iddat* period of three months

To assuage Muslim sentiments, the then Rajiv govt brought the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986

The 1986 Act was upheld by the court but was read down to include the application of Section 125 CrPC

Secular law stands

Ruling on the challenge mounted by Shah Bano's advocate Danial Latifi, the court found the provisions of the 1986 Act prima facie violative of Articles 14 (equality before law) and 15 (prohibition of discrimination) of the Constitution. It, however, read the law down, interpreting it to mean that it does not restrict the alimony to iddat but to start paying from that point in time. The judicial intent was to not foreclose the secular rights of a divorced Muslim woman to pursue remedy under Section 125 of the CrPC.

In the Danial Latifi case, the Constitution bench said, "A careful reading of the provisions of the Act would indicate that a divorced woman is entitled to a reasonable and fair provision for maintenance. It was stated that Parliament seems to intend that the divorced woman gets sufficient means of livelihood after the divorce and, therefore, the word "provision" indicates that something is provided in advance for meeting some needs. In other words, at the time of divorce the Muslim husband is required to contemplate the future needs and make preparatory arrangements in advance for meeting those needs.

Reasonable and fair provision may include provision for her residence, her food, her clothes, and other articles. The expression "within" should be read as "during" or "for" and this cannot be done because words cannot be construed contrary to their meaning as the word "within" would mean "on or before", "not beyond" and, therefore, it was held that the Act would mean that on or before the expiration of the iddat period, the husband is bound to make and pay maintenance to the wife and if he fails to do so then the wife is entitled to recover it by filing an application before the Magistrate as provided in Section 3(3) but nowhere has Parliament provided that reasonable and fair provision and maintenance is limited only for the iddat period and not beyond it. It would extend to the whole life of the divorced wife unless she gets married for a second time."

In the present case, the bench of justices Nagarathna and Masih, in their 99-page verdict, said even in the event of an illegal divorce as per the provisions of the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019 that outlawed triple talaq, the woman can seek financial support from her husband. "Relief under Section 5 of the said Act could be availed for seeking subsistence allowance or, at the option of such a Muslim woman, remedy under Section 125 of the CrPC... The provisions of the 2019 Act provide remedy in addition to and not in derogation of Section 125 of the CrPC," it ruled.

THE CONCLUSIONS

CrPC Section 125 applies to all married women including Muslim married women

Section 125 applies to all non-Muslim divorced women

For divorced Muslim women

- Section 125 of the CrPC applies to all those married and divorced under the Special Marriage Act in addition to remedies available under the Special Marriage Act
- If Muslim women are married and divorced under Muslim law then Section 125 of the CrPC as well as the provisions of the 1986 Act are applicable. Option lies with the divorced Muslim women to seek remedy under either of the laws or both laws. This is because the 1986 Act is not in derogation of Section 125 but in addition to the said provision
- If Section 125 is also resorted to by a divorced Muslim woman, as per the definition under the 1986 Act, then any order passed under the provisions of 1986 Act shall be taken into consideration under Section 127(3)(b) of the CrPC
- The 1986 Act could be resorted to by a divorced Muslim woman, as defined under the said Act, by filing an application which could be disposed of in accordance with the said enactment

In case of an illegal divorce as per the provisions of the 2019 Act then,

- Relief under Section 5 of the said Act could be availed for seeking subsistence allowance or, at the option of such a Muslim woman, remedy under Section 125 of the CrPC
- If during the pendency of a petition filed under Section 125, a Muslim woman is divorced, then she can take recourse under Section 125 or file a petition under the 2019 Act
- The provisions of the 2019 Act provide remedy in addition to and not in derogation of Section 125

Harmonious coexistence

Justice Masih said equivalent rights of maintenance under both the secular provision of the CrPC and Section 3 of the 1986 Act, parallelly exist in their "distinct domains and jurisprudence". He said they could harmoniously exist to let a divorced Muslim woman opt for maintenance under the CrPC despite the 1986 Act.

While Justice Masih was clinical in his dissection of the past judicial pronouncements, Justice Nagarathna brought in a woman's perspective by reflecting extensively on the plight of the vulnerable homemakers who lack financial security in her concurring verdict. "There cannot be disparity in receiving maintenance on the basis of the law under which a woman is married or divorced. The same cannot be a basis for discriminating against a divorced woman entitled to maintenance as per the conditions stipulated under Section 125 of the CrPC or any personal or other law such as the 1986 Act," she said.

Not charity

She went on to say, "this court would not countenance unjust or Faustian bargains being imposed on women. The emphasis is on sufficient maintenance, not minimal amount. After all, maintenance is a facet of gender parity and enabler of equality, not charity." She emphasised that the 1986 Act is not a substitute for Section 125 of the CrPC, nor has it supplanted it as both can be applied simultaneously at the option of a divorced Muslim woman as they operate in different fields.

"I find that if section 125 of the CrPC is excluded from its application to a divorced Muslim woman, it would be in violation of Article 15(1) of the Constitution of India which states that the state shall not discriminate against any citizen only on the ground of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or any of them. Further, our interpretation is consistent with the spirit of Article 15(3) of the Constitution," she ruled.

Family, homemaker

Both financial security as well as the security of residence of Indian women have to be protected and enhanced, she said. "That would truly empower such Indian women who are referred to as 'homemakers' and who are the strength and backbone of an Indian family which is the fundamental unit of the Indian society which has to be maintained and strengthened," Justice Nagarathna said.

Married women who do not have an independent source of income or access to monetary resources in their households are vulnerable, particularly for their personal expenses. She pointed out that in Indian society, it is an established practice that once a daughter is married, she resides with her husband or his family unless due to exigency of career or such other reason she has to live elsewhere.

"In the case of a woman who has an independent source of income, she may be financially endowed and may not be totally dependent on her husband and his family. But what is the position of a married woman who is often referred to as a "homemaker" and who does not have an independent source of income whatsoever, and is totally dependent for her financial resources on her husband and on his family?"

A homemaker works throughout the day for the welfare of the family without expecting anything in return except possibly love and affection, a sense of comfort and respect from her husband and his family, which are towards her emotional security. This may also be lacking in certain households, she said.

Justice Nagarathna observed that an Indian married man must financially empower and provide for his wife, if she does not have an independent source of income, by making available financial resources particularly for her personal needs. For example, financial empowerment tools like a joint bank account and/or an ATM card would place a vulnerable wife in a more secure position in the family, she suggested.

ORDER, ORDER! SPEAKER CRACKS THE OATH WHIP

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THE inaugural session of the 18th Lok Sabha, which is being dubbed as one of the fiercest in the recent past, even saw the Lok Sabha Speaker amending the oath-taking rules for the new Parliamentarians after a controversy erupted over MPs swearing-in along ideological lines.

The amendment came in the wake of several members raising slogans such as Jai Hind', 'Jai Constitution', 'Jai Shri Ram', 'Jai Hindu Rashtra', 'Jai Bhim' and 'Jai Palestine" after taking their oaths during the special session of Parliament.

What does the amendment say?

According to the amended rule, members are prohibited from adding any remark to the oath-taking as members of the House.

In the new rule, Om Birla added a fresh clause to 'Direction 1' of the 'Directions by the Speaker' for regulating certain matters related to the functioning of the House that are not specifically provided in the rules.

According to the amendment to 'Direction 1', the new clause 3 now states that a member shall make and subscribe to the oath or affirmation, and "shall not use any word or expression or make any remark as a prefix or suffix to the form of oath or affirmation".

The row

A political slugfest ensued after AIMIM MP Asaduddin Owaisi chanted a series of slogans, including 'Jai Palestine' and BJP's Chhatra Pal Singh Gangwar invoked 'Hindu Rashtra, Jai Bharat,' during the oath-taking ceremony. Later, the remarks were expunged by the Speaker after a war of words erupted between the Opposition and the treasury benches.

Oath or affirmation

"I, A.B., having been elected a member of the House of People, do swear in the name of God/solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter."

Several Opposition leaders including Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Samajwadi party (SP) leader Akhilesh Yadav took oath holding a copy of the Constitution in their hands and with chants of 'Long live India, long live the Constitution'. On one occasion, Birla objected to Congress MP Shashi Tharoor saying 'Jai Samvidhan' after taking oath as a member of the House.

Rules of oath-taking

According to the rules, before taking their seats in the chamber of the Lok Sabha, every member must make and subscribe to an oath or affirmation prescribed in the Constitution (Article 99).

The Constitution's third schedule contains the text of the parliamentary oath. "I, A.B., having been elected (or nominated) a member of the Council of States (or the House of the People) do swear in the name of God / solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter."

Speaking to this newspaper former Lok Sabha secretary general P D T Achary says swearing in of members is a solemn occasion and that Parliamentarians should adhere to the prescribed format in the Constitution. "When the MPs take the oath, they are giving a covenant to the people that they will abide by the Constitution. It is a sacred duty of an MP. He/she cannot say any other extraneous thing other than what is prescribed in the Constitution. The format should be followed. Otherwise, it will mar the sanctity of the occasion," said Achary.

Speaking to this paper, Lok Sabha member N K Premachandran said Article 99 of the Constitution states that members of Parliament must take the oath as prescribed in the Third Schedule. It was Premachandran who first raised the issue in the House that the MPs should adhere to the format of oath-taking.

"When the Constitution prescribes a format, it cannot be altered," he said, adding that the Kerala High Court had ordered Janadhipathya Samrakshana Samithi MLA Umesh Challiyil in 2003 to swear in again after he took oath in the name of Sree Narayana Guru.